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Everywhere we worked, it was under skyscapes of majestic beauty. In the morning, the sky greeted us with a symphony of form and color, giving us the inspiration to counteract the fatigue of hard, hot days. In the evening, the sunsets gilded our labors, and told us we were one day closer to a brighter, happier world, a world we were helping to build with our own hands.

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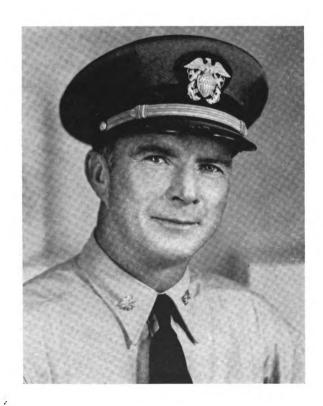
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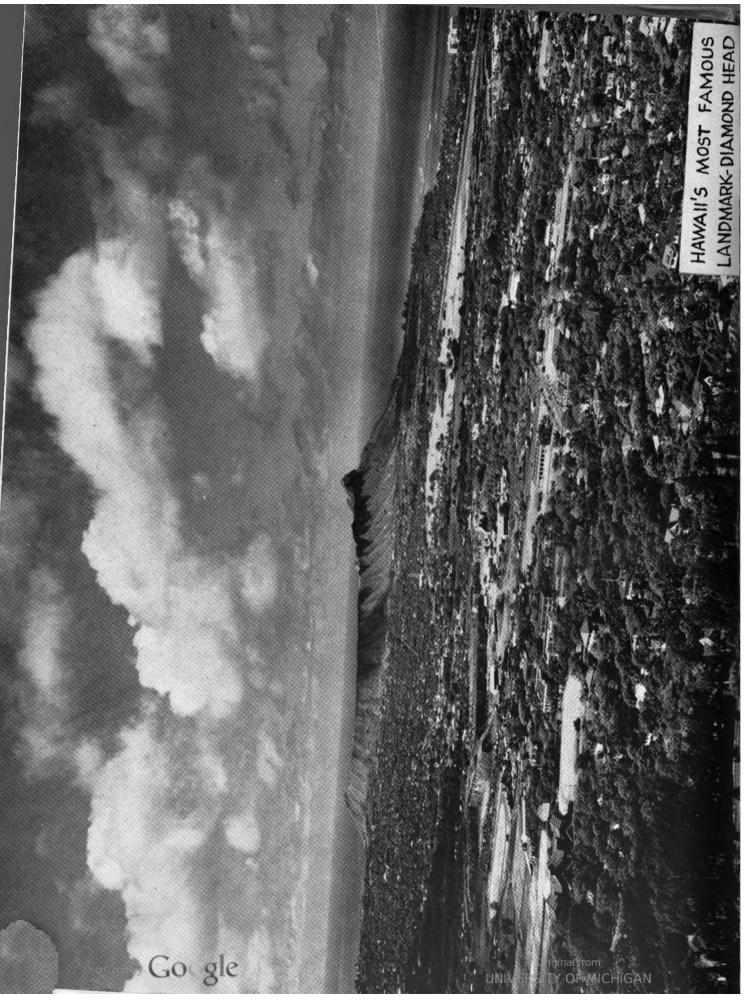
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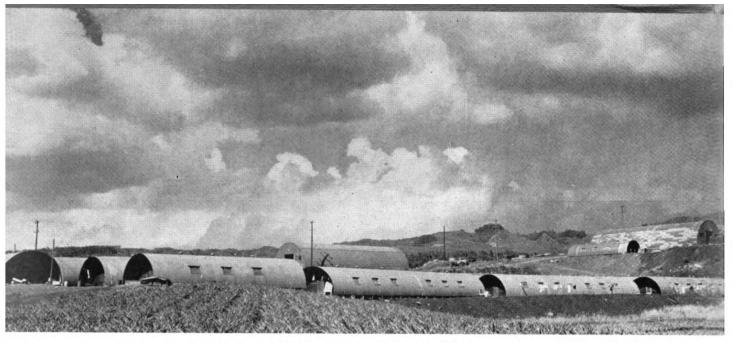
HAWAII



The story of this little Spam-fry—the Fourth Battalion's second time out of the States—has its beginning at Port Hueneme, California, on Christmas Day, 1943a package we'll not soon forget. For weeks we had been fanning the tiny flame of a hope that a pre-embarkation leave was in the offing. On the 23rd of December we were secured to the base and the fire went out. This shot in the arm, coupled with the fact that there was to be no liberty for us over the holidays, had an immediate paralyzing effect, and we took on the effervescent enthusiasm of a Republican on election day. Who said there was a Santa Claus? Then came the blow that broke the Camel's back, and sent the stock on our morale market down several hundred points. A small group of quislings had broken into the galley Christmas Eve, and had appropriated the largest part of the turkeys that were to form the main course in our Christmas dinner. The cooks tied the one turkey that was left to the rafters and we all stood around and snapped at it. From this

point on, anything that happened to us would have been an improvement—we thought.

Always a source of wonder to us was the fact that those in authority never recognized the mathematical theorem that the shortest distance between two points was a straight line. After marching over every foot of Camp Rousseau loaded with seabags, handbags and the bags under our eyes, we eventually found and boarded the train for San Francisco at 2 o'clock that Christmas afternoon. We'll never forget the ride in that troop train-or any of the others we've been subjected to. We'll always have a soft spot in our hearts for troop trains—also a similar spot in our head. A troop train is a combination fox-hole and crap game played in a telephone booth on wheels. The night of torture was brought mercifully to an end at Third and Townsend in San Francisco. After a short march to the pier, we boarded the Kaiser Koffin, "General George O. Squire," our floating home for the next six days.



Red Hill-where we spent our first six weeks in Hawaii.

The fish that hitch-hike on that sea lane from San Francisco to Hawaii must be healthy and well-fed, for the Lord knows that we did our best to help feed them. Already too many jokes have been written about seasick passengers. Let us go on the record as stating emphatically that the jokes are without humor. During the first two days we divided our time between our hammock and the rail, not caring much one way or another whether we lived or died. The third day out we entered the latitudes of calm seas and flying fish, and our outlook became normal once more. Our gastric and salivary glands began to function, and we took on an enormous appetite that never found satisfaction in the two meagre meals that were provided each day. Between chow lines, we sunned ourselves on deck, read everything we could get our hands on, or indulged in one of the many games of chance that were operating constantly all over the ship. Some of us remember with a great deal of pleasure the nights up on deck, where we gathered in little groups and harmonized on all the old and new songs that came to mind. This was the way we spent the New Year's Eve of 1943, and as we sang "Auld Lang Sine," we choked a little over that lump in

our throats, caused by memories of happier New Year's eves in the past.

On the morning of January 2nd, the "Squire"—we had come to know her intimately if not fondly—nosed her way through crowded Pearl Harbor and tied up at the wharf. Once more, loaded down, we marched down the gang plank, climbed aboard trucks and headed for our first camp in Hawaii—Red Hill.

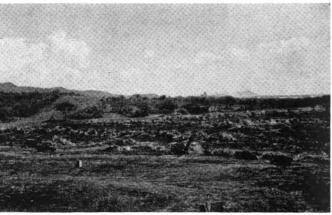
The less said about Red Hill, the better. The camp was composed of a group of Quonset huts set next to a large pineapple field, high in the hills. Between rains, the red dirt of the ground became extremely dry and powdery, and was shifted by the wind till the air became a fine, red mist. This red dirt had the coloring qualities of a dye, and many of us still have white uniforms which we used to refer to as "whites," but now call "reds."

Part of our Battalion was assigned to finish the Red Hill camp. The greater part of our resources were put to work at Moanalua Ridge, where a camp was being built to house the many thousands of men who were to come to the Pacific soon, to build a few more lengths of the "Road to Tokyo."

Moanalua Ridge as the 4th found it in January, 1944.



Sugar cane had always been cut with bolo knives, until the 4th arrived. We had to get that cane out of there in a hurry, and the bulldozer was the only logical answer.



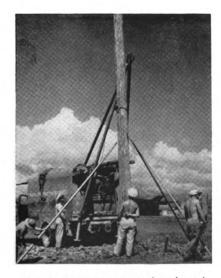
The cane was dozed into rows like so much hay, loaded into trucks by clam, and hauled away.



In a couple of weeks, the entire area looked like this—ready for grading and building.



Access roads begin to criss-cross the area.



And the electric crews put in the poles and strung the wires to insure us against power interruptions.



We even had to move some houses that were on the property, but it was a cinch for the 4th.

We had an experienced man for any type of job that came up.





Skillful use of powder by the hardrock crew provided many a short cut in the preparation of the rocky ridge, for the many installations that were necessary for efficient coeration of the small city we were buiding.

Below, Left: Here the pipe-fitters are getting the foundation of one of the showers ready for the concrete gang.

Right: This beats the old wheelbarrow method of getting the concrete where you want it, but there was still enough labor connected with pouring floors and foundations that the boys had no trouble keeping their waistlines down.









One of our warehouses about half completed. We had to have some excuse to take a picture of those clouds, didn't we?



Putting in those concrete pipe sewer lines was rugged duty.



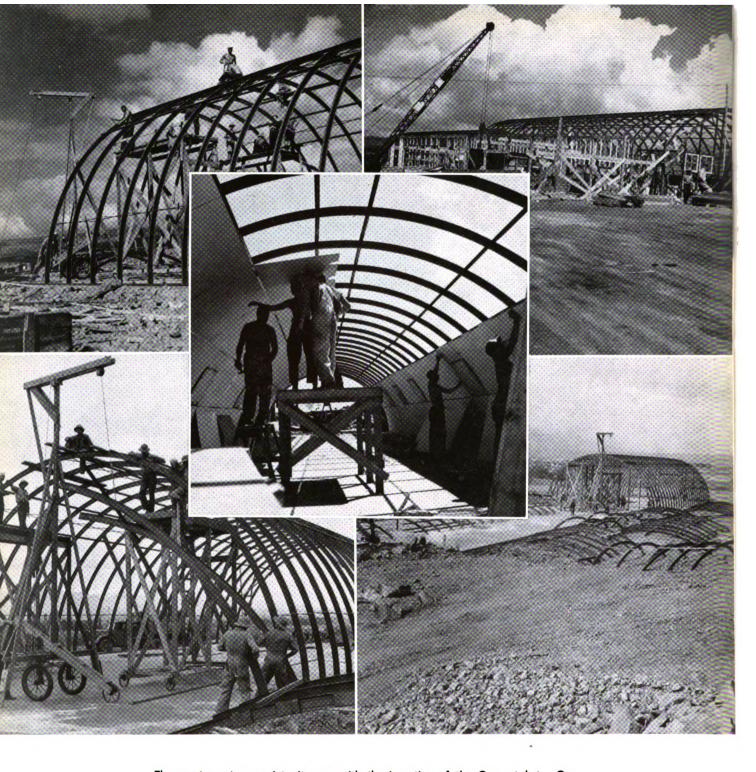
A completed section of our own area at the ridge.



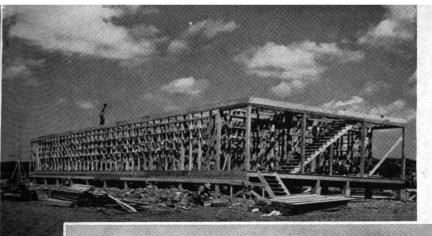
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And how about those back-breaking man holes. The hot sun bearing down made that work a torture, but it had to be done.





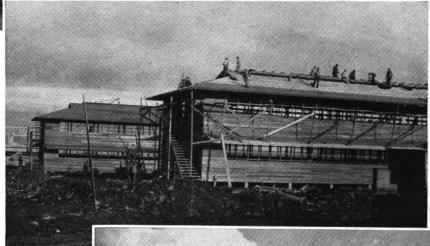
The erector set came into its own with the invention of the Quonset hut. Our specially trained crews could throw these versatile steel buildings together with amazing speed, and they were used for every purpose imaginable: barracks, mess halls, chapels, warehouses, shops. There is no building need that cannot be met by the Quonset.



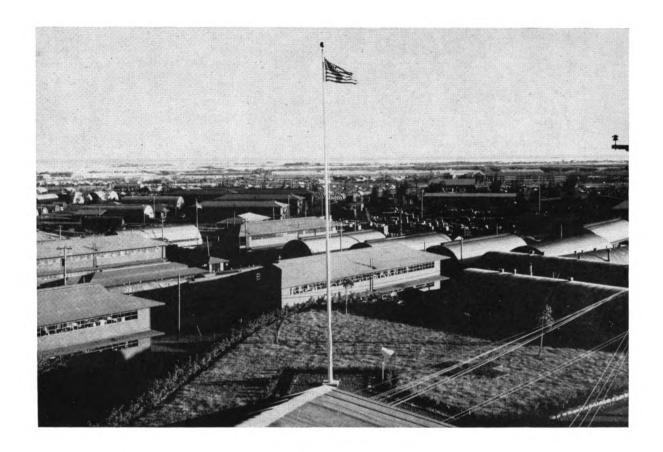
The barracks we built for the other battalions coming in looked like this. These progress pictures were taken two days apart, and show that our carpenters were really on the ball.

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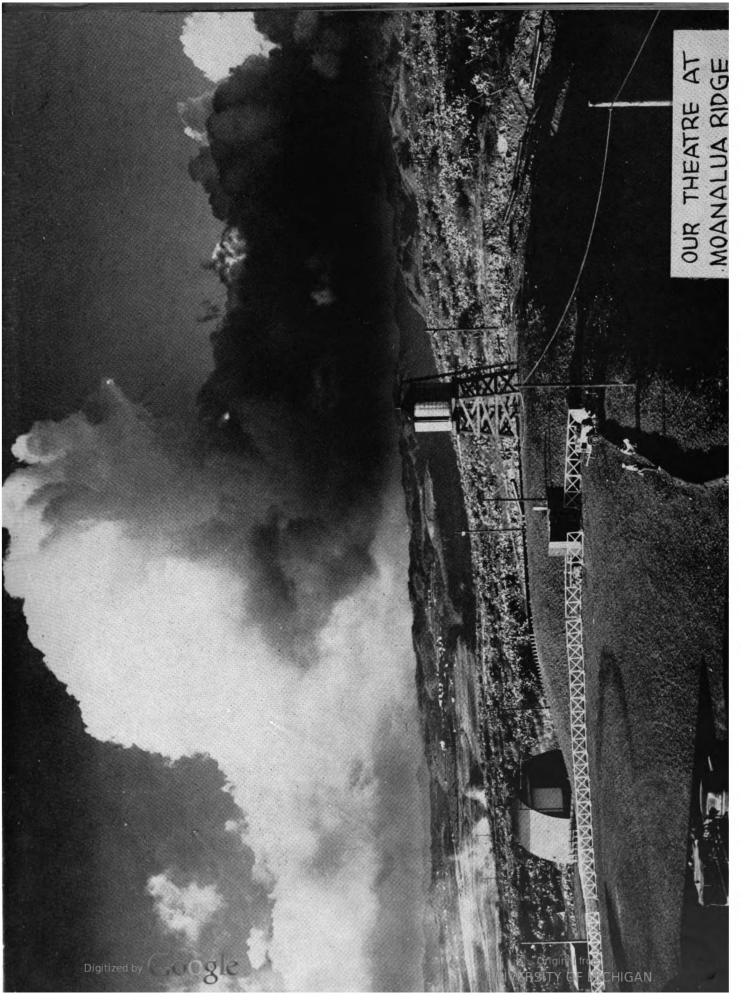








The above picture shows part of the Seabee camp built at Moanalua Ridge in Hawaii. Six months before this picture was taken, the grounds on which this camp was built was covered with sugar cane. In less than six months the camp sprang into being, largely through the efforts of our men. It was built to accommodate quite a number of Seabee battalions—that exact figure cannot be divulged for obvious reasons. In the journey of the Seabee from the States to the forward area, this camp became a stop-over for several weeks of acclimatizing before he grabbed the next ship and shoved off. It was here that he began to get the feel of the Pacific and to realize that it was going to be some time before he returned home. It was here that he began to really think about what a huge and ponderous thing the war in the Pacific was, and the vast distances of water that were involved. In spite of our enforced visit to Hawaii and to this camp, many of our memories, both good and bad, are tied up here.



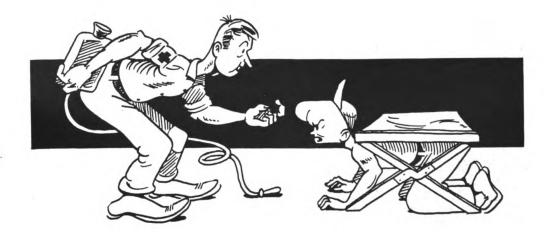






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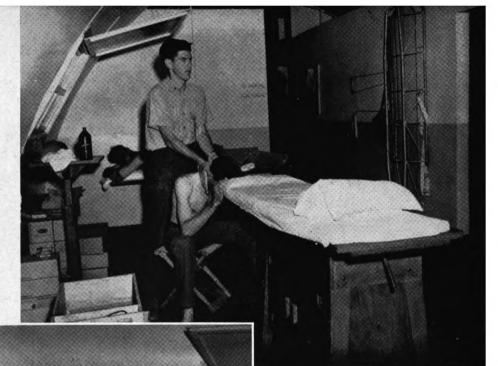


Top: The sick bay is not always a place of pills and needles. Here McCorkle eases the misery in a buddy's neck with a vigorous massage.

Middle: Eddie "Clarency" Cranston is smeared up for heat rash.

Bottom: The slightest indication of a battalion move was the signal for the corpsmen to use us for targets for their toxin-laden darts. In spite of the fact that we hated them, these shots must have had some effect, for our sick rate in the forward area was very low.

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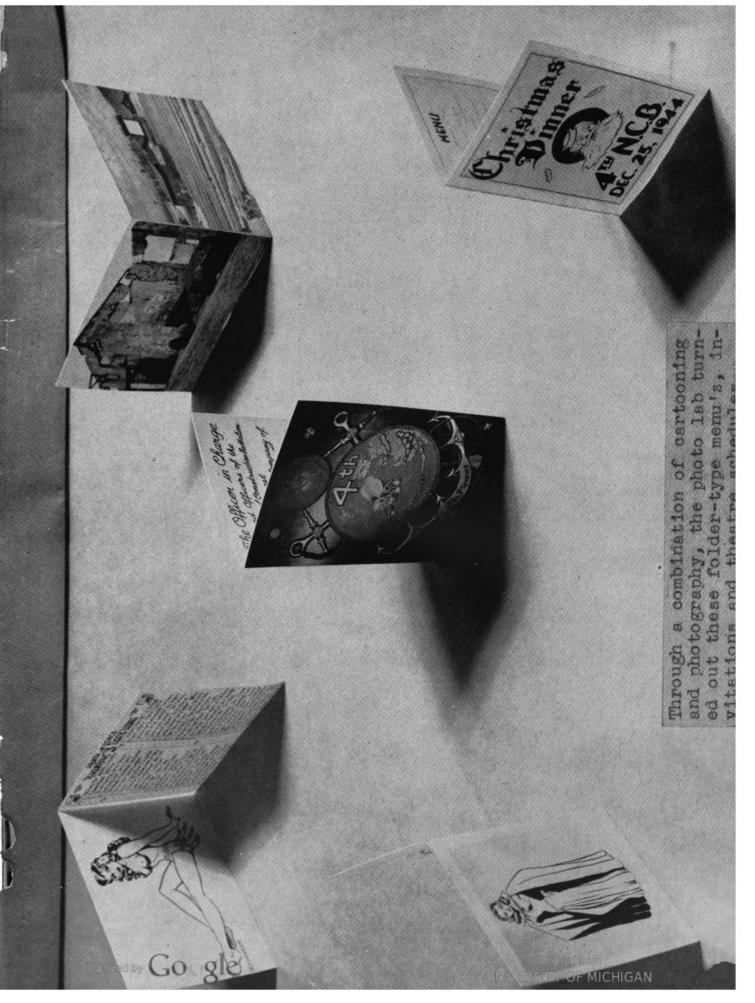
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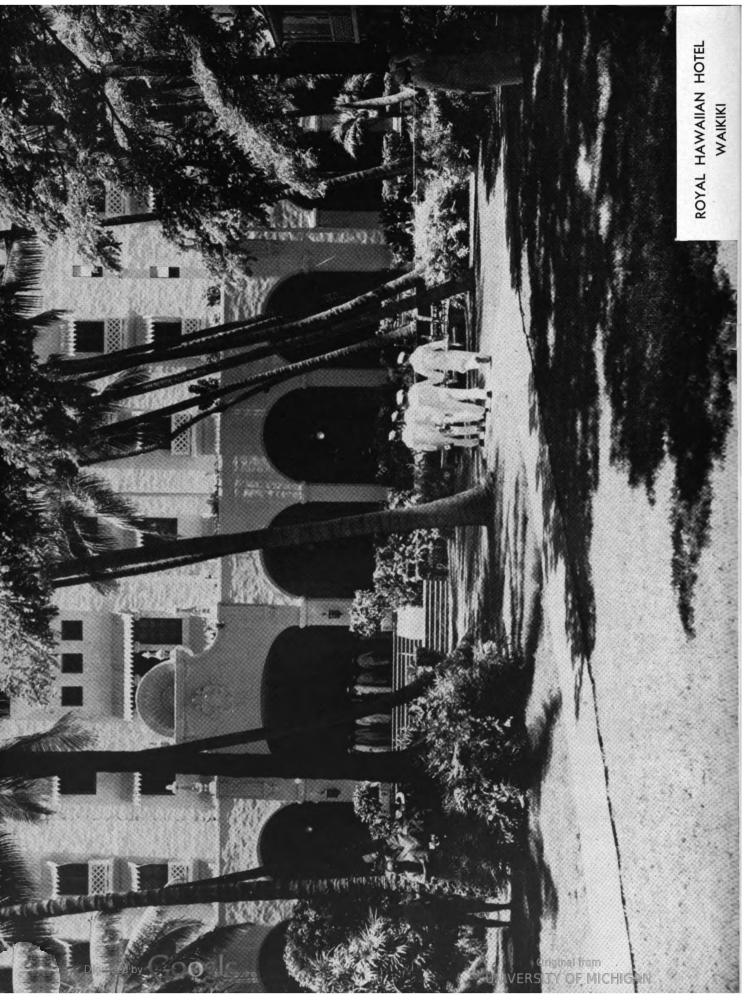
Top, Right: Exterior of our sick bay on Guam, or dispensary as the sign proclaims. Center, Right: Inside of the sick bay. Here, everything from sore toes to ptomaine was treated at sick call each morning and evening-emergencies at all hours. Fungus, a skin disease prevalent on Guam, probably brought more men to sick bay than any other one thing. The treatment of fungus is yet in its experimental stage and our medical staff continuously warred on it. Bottom, Right: The complete medical staff. Standing: Spangenberg, Oehrtmann, Hover, Kareth, Bartlett, Osborn. Seated: Doctors Adatto, Rathbone, Jacobs, Jaffe and Chief Sloan. On the floor: Bacigalupi, Lindenau, DeWitt, Cipriani and Carter.



Here is found a pill for every ailment—we know, because we've had every ailment and have had that one pill. Besides the usual run of sugarcoated pink pills, there are actually pills, salves and ointments in this little room that have a purpose—we've been told. Middle, Left: A partial view of sick bay where you can get that needle in the left, er—uh—arm; a thermometer stuck in your mouth and an enema—all at the same time. Bottom, Left: Notice the thick mattresses that invite the boys to come to sick bay for a few days' rest and recuperation.

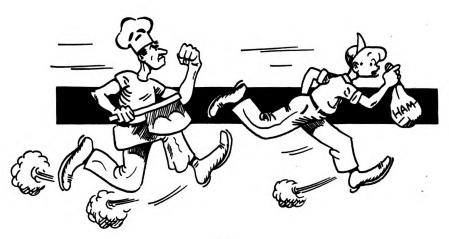
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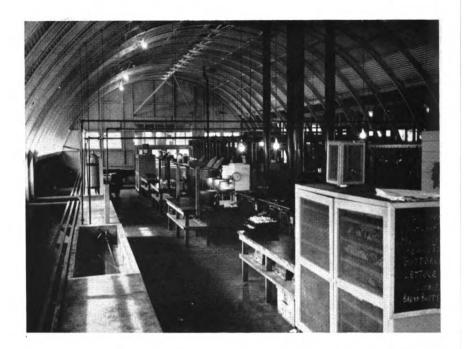


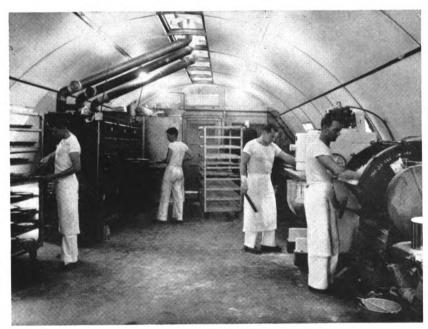
COMMISSARY DEPT.





Top and Center: The galley and bakery at Moanalua Ridge were roomy and well equipped. Some of the best chow the Battalion ever ate was prepared here by a bunch of men who showed us that they knew what to do with the food if they could get it. The large number of visitors we had at meal times testified to the quality of our chow and the product of our beanery.





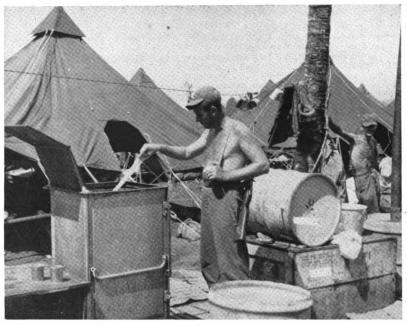


Bottom: The chow halls were shiny, pleasant places to eat.

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Top: This is the beginning of the first chow line in our Guam mess hall. Even though those first meals consisted largely of warmed-up "C-rations," they were quite an improvement over the 10-in-one rations—for a while. Middle: Stirring the coffee in one of our field kitchens set up shortly after our arrival on the rock. Boyle, one of the cooks, isn't just posing with that carbine. We found out that he slept with it—as did many others for weeks after arriving.



Bottom: Chaplain Booth joshes the boys in the chow line. One of the advantages of being overseas was that the only lines you have to stand in are the chow, beer, booster-shot, short-arm, sick-call, pay, and ship's service lines. Standing in those long liberty lines was completely done away with—if you call that an advantage. Of all the lines that we have had to, or will have to stand in, the only one that we will wait out with any show of enjoyment, is the one where they're handing out those little pieces of white paper that make a civilian out of you once more.









Top, Left: Next to steaks, when obtainable, the most popular thing on the menu was ice cream. Served three times a week, the only complaint was that there wasn't enough. Eddie Langner is shown operating the ice cream machine. Top, Right: The crew that was responsible for the bread, pastry and desserts—the bekers.

Below: An inside shot of our chow hall on Guam. After eating K-rations and C-rations for a month on the ground, the men were thankful for a place to chow down that included a seat and a table. So thankful, in fact, that they didn't gripe about the food until the mess hall had been open for a week.



Center: There was no job that was more looked-down-on than that of mess-cooking. However, it was one of the softest positions and many of those who at first cursed their fate, stayed on way past their required three months. A notable part of this group was a man from the Bronx named Joe Brill who was no doubt preparing himself as a headwaiter back in the Bronx come the war's end, as Joe made himself a permanent mess cook, serving all of the time we were overseas.



Right: A shot of our chow hall including galley, storehouse, refrigerators, and bakery, taken from the top of our theatre screen.





On this page are shown the two watches of cooks and their galley on Guam. Prejudiced by the way "mother used to cook," one of the loudest gripes that issued from the men concerned the quality of the food that came from this galley. One of the largest arguments against the horrors of war and one that should carry weight in any peace conference is a four-lettered word known, no matter how disguised, as SPAM. In the years to come, wherever servicemen gather to reminisce over their days in uniform, the mention of this word will send a visible shudder of revulsion over their frames. We will always believe that the most deadly of the enemies' secret



weapons was this meat substitute. Our cooks were clever and they did the best they could with what they had on hand, but trying to camouflage spam was like trying to hide the Taj Mahal behind a pup tent. As the days went by, and the months we spent on Guam accumulated, the quality of our chow improved and many a better than average meal came out of this galley.



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GUAM EPISODE





Guam is a rock—one of Mother Nature's little miscarriages—in the Central Pacific, within a stone's throw—roughly 1,500 miles— of the famed Tokyo Cherry Blossom Festival and just on the edge of the Los Angeles City Limits. It is populated by a few thousand coconut trees, natives, lizards and mosquitoes, who were quite content in their own simple way before the Japs came. Some-time in July, 1944, a number of American sight-seers established a beach-head on one of Guam's beaches with strong intentions to stay awhile. There wasn't enough room for both, so the Japs left. The Americans were warmly greeted by the natives, and why not—for with them they brought the famed American Culture —Bank Nite, Pepsi-Cola, Hobby Lobby and Pepsodent with Irium! All was well.

On August 30, 1944, a troopship—a troopship is an over-sized sardine can with gangplank—christened the S. S. Afoundria, steamed into Apra Harbor, Guam, and burped up, among various and sundry other items, the 4th Battalion. They arrived just several jumps ahead of the finance company, the sheriff and Eleanor.

Rain falls on Guam almost every day in the year. In order to distinguish between the wet and dry season, any rainfall under 12 inches is part of the dry season. We landed in the middle of the wet season. Aside from a few minor discomforts like mosquito clouds, flies, living in pup tents, eating K-rations, wading in mud up to your, well—navel, delayed mail, and about 8,000 loose Japs, life the first few weeks was about as tame as a girl

A pup tent is a small piece of foul air surrounded by several yards of woven material that you share with another guy whose favorite food is beans. Next to solitary confinement, it is the closest thing to privacy you will find in the service. One of the

advantages of sleeping under a pup tent is that when it rains, the tent keeps everything off of you but the water.

During the first week, we banqueted on what is known technically as "K-rations." K-rations are put together by some company in the States that claims to be on our side. It is a buffet lunch that you eat with one hand while digging a fox-hole with the other

Records will show that every Marine invasion in the Pacific was accompanied by at least one Seabee battalion. However, the 4th Battalion is not listed among these. Our baptism of fire the 4th Battalion is not listed among tresse. Our perism of the occurred one Sunday when an ammunition dump located immediately next to our temporary camp site caught fire and blew up. Included in the dump was everything from several 2,000-pound bombs down to .30 calibre carbine shells, and the intensity of the fire proved that there were very few duds in the lot. There is bombs down to .30 calibre carbine shells, and the intensity of the fire proved that there were very few duds in the lot. There is nothing quite so unnerving as the indiscriminate and impersonal aim of an ammunition dump on the rampage. The whole thing began late Sunday morning, when carbine shells started zinging over the camp. The men paid little or no attention to it until some of the bigger shells exploded. Then they suddenly remembered their boot training and hit the deck with an agility that belied their age and experience. Between explosions there was an orderly retreat, and several seconds later some of the men an orderly retreat, and several seconds later some of the men were twenty miles away. The explosions continued until late in the afternoon when all the shells had performed their intended use if not purpose. Due to this unscheduled event the men had most of the day off. This was the only day off they were to get for months to come. Returning to camp the men found that the entire company that was nearest to the dump had been completely burned out. The situation was met admirably though, and camp life continued as usual.





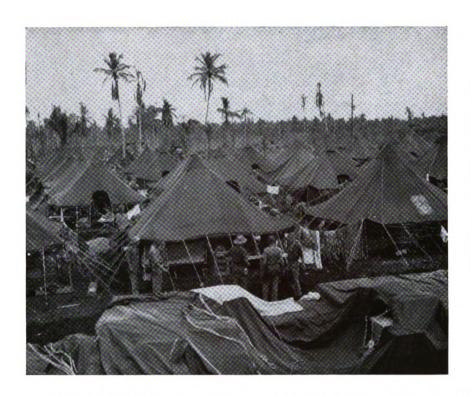


From K-rations we graduated to "C-rations"—that's hash that passed its physical. A necessary part of C-rations was the can opener. It was the first time we ever had to unbolt the food before we could bolt it.

From C-rations we progressed to what was called 5-in-1 rations. This was canned food also. Camp life became one canned thing after another. Because of the way 5-in-1's were packaged, it was necessary that five men eat together. This ration assembled five sets of bad manners over one empty water barrel. Getting

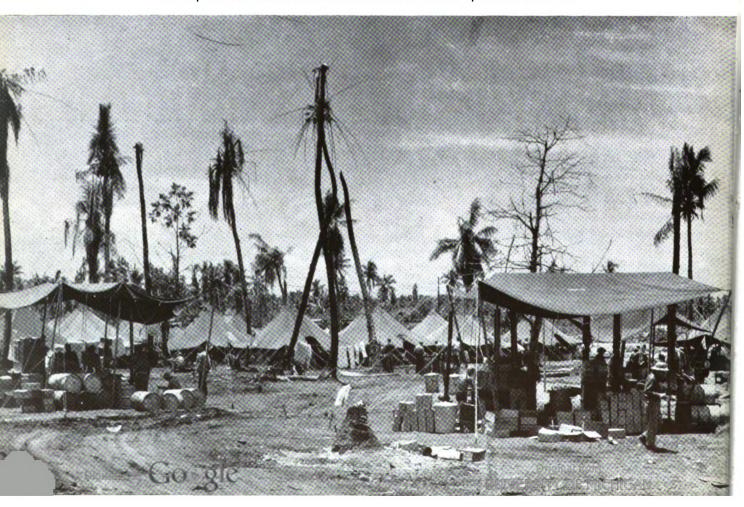
hold of a fifth man was harder than obtaining a fourth for bridge.

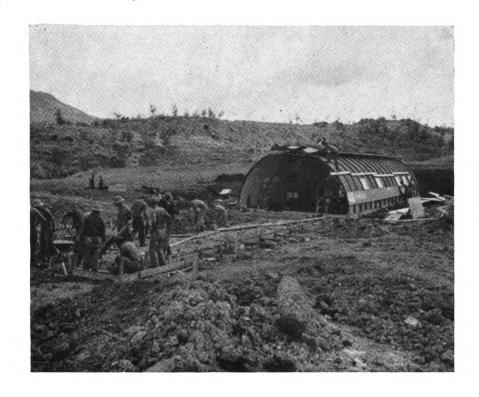
Life those first few weeks was pretty rugged and a little disorganized. When it rained, camp looked like Apra Harbor except that the water in camp wasn't quite deep enough for the aircraft carriers. When the sun finally came out, it was hotter than a turkish bath on the fifth of July. To combat heat fatigue, salt tablets were placed in convenient spots throughout the camp. On hot days the lizards were first in the salt tablet line.



Our temporary camp used the first month. The boys are standing around, confused, in the best Seabee tradition. After a week in pup tents, these crude shelters seemed like an actor's Beverly Hills estate. We even had the swimming pool -on rainy days. Right here was fought one of Guam's bloodiest battles as the Marines advanced toward a nearby airstrip, and when we camped, many good Japs were lying around in their bones.

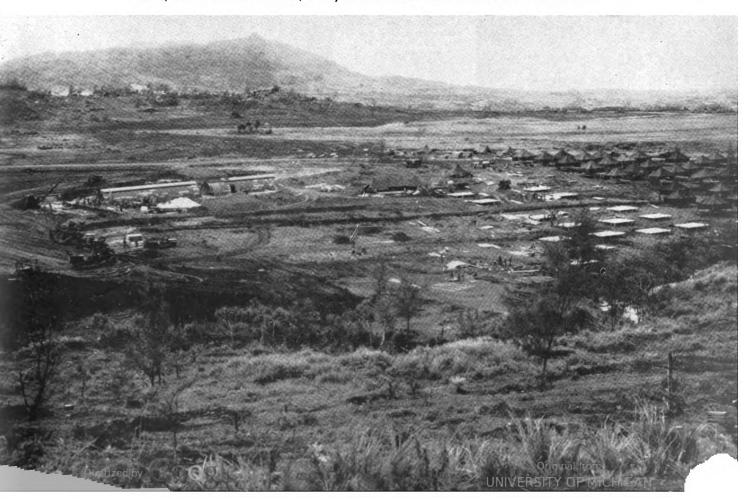
Take two fairly large pieces of canvas, spread them out over upright poles and you have a galley. The cooks didn't have to know much about the culinary art in those days—even as today. All that was required was that he know the chow hours and how to open a box of 5-in-1's.

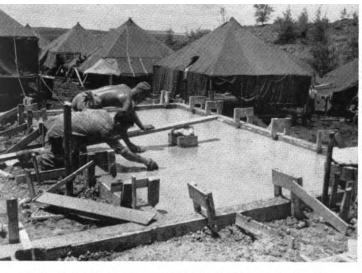




As an army marches on its stomach, so a Seabee Battalion works on its stomach, and the first thing to go up in our permanent camp area was the galley.

A bird's-eye view of our permanent camp as it springs into being. The two large Quonset huts in the middle left are the galley and bakery. The tents in the middle right represent one company. There is nothing about this picture that would lead one to suspect that this was part of a Pacific island, and to a casual observer, it may have been taken back in the States—but WE knew.





Peterson and Barney Convey putting the finishing touches on one of the shower floors. Barney was one of those rare persons that never needed to be reminded about there being a war on, and was one of the battalion's hardest and most conscientious workers.



The rainy season made laying pipe lines anything but a pleasant job. Almost as soon as the ditches were dug, the skys would let down a deluge, caving in the sides and filling the ditches with that wet stuff.



A couple of our carpenters conspiring to keep the flies out of our mess hall.

Below, Top: Floors in our tents! It was just like living down town. Now, if we'd only had a couple of oriental rugs, under which to sweep the dirt. Bottom: Proving that there is some democracy in the service, a diver, a cook and a yeoman in various stages of undress, work together assembling the tent for the chief petty officers—until the photographer left. These tents were water-tight—that is, when the water got in, it couldn't get out. After a heavy rain, we used to go outside to dry off.







Pictured above are several of our men reverting to the primitive, making use of a nearby creek for the dual purpose of washing the body and dirty clothes. This picture fulfills the idea entertained by the folks at home, of life in the South Seas. The only thing that is lacking is the saronged figure of Dorothy Lamour supine on a nearby rock.



Geometric pattern showing lights and shadows on a sea of MUD. Mud is the curse of the damp season. The tents eventually become so filled with it that the men used to wipe their feet before going out. We don't know what the boy is doing with the shovel in his hand. The picture was taken after five o'clock, and you never find a Seabee with a shovel in his hand on his own time.

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One of our first jobs on the Island of Guam was the construction of the N. S. D. Fuel Dump, deep in the heart of the jungle. Coupled with the laborious task of transforming dense jungle and swampland into a fuel dump was the constant danger of loose Jap snipers.



Here is shown a typical access road and revetment. Tons and tons of coral had to be dug, hauled and dumped to be used as fill, wherever roads of any kind were to be built, as the rain kept the mud roads in constant disuse.

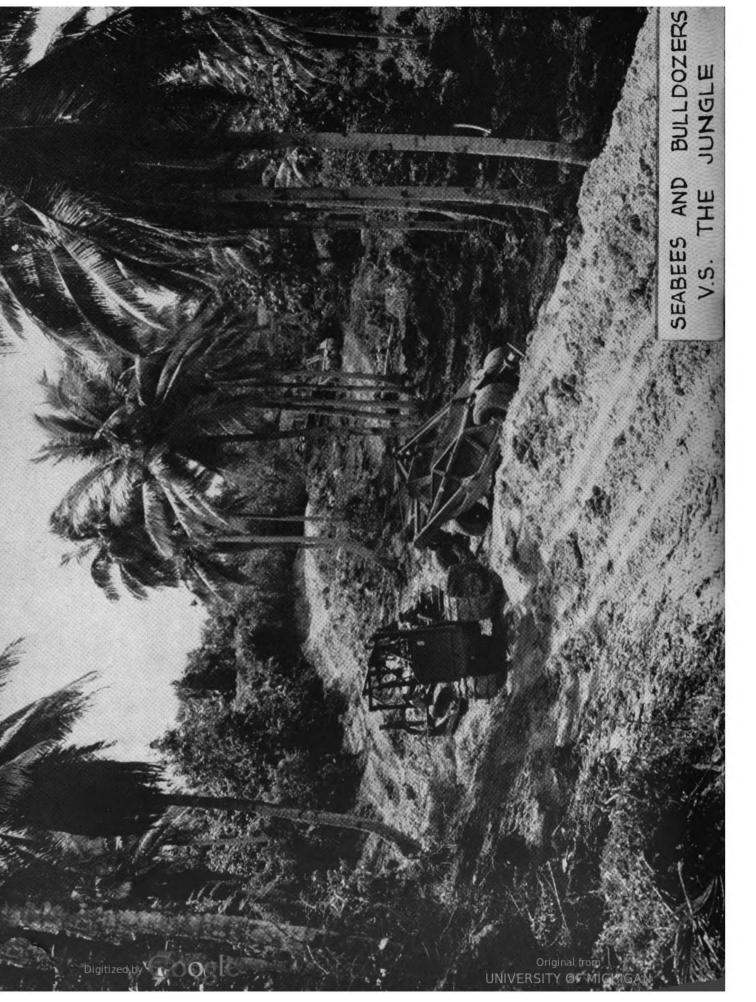


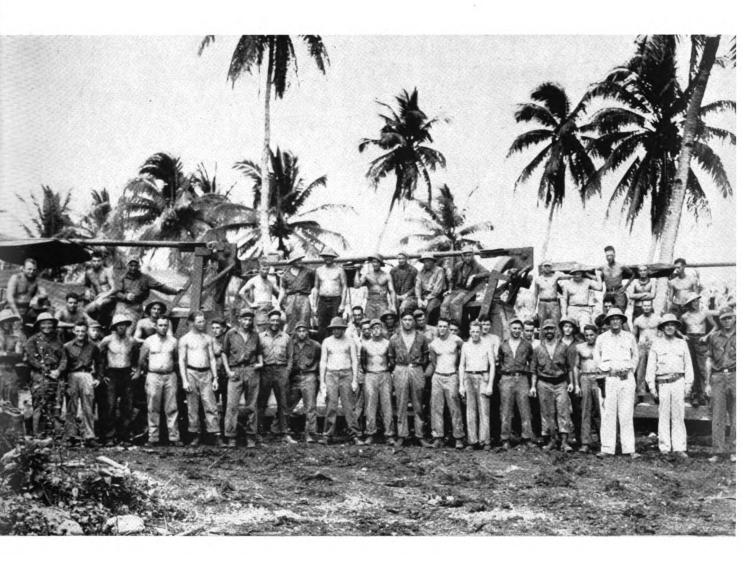
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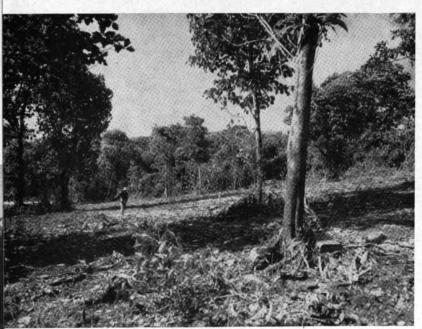


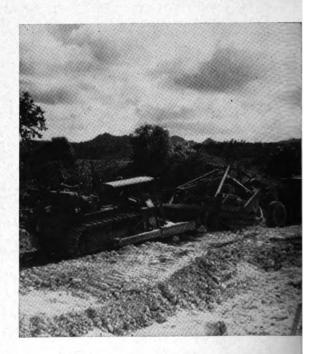
About the most rugged looking bunch of Bees we ever got together in one place was this group whose job it was to carve the very necessary Fuel Depot out of the jungle. They lived in a work camp right on the job, which was, incidentally, lousy with holed-up Japs who had escaped into the hills and jungles after the defeat of the main body of Japs. While eating chow one noon, a volley of shots was heard nearby. Upon investigation it was discovered that a patrol had killed two Japs within a hundred yards of the mess tent. The Japs had been

living there in a dense clump of jungle for two months or more, and several times at night were heard snooping around the machine shop. One of the men rigged up a home-made booby trap in an attempt to end these nightly visits. The trap exploded one night, but upon investigation, it was found that the Jap had escaped. Most of the men in this picture were heavy equipment operators, truck drivers, and the cooks and mess-cooks who did their best to take the edge off the men's appetites.





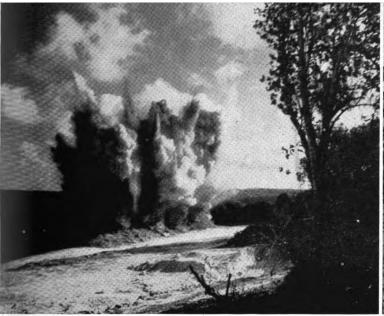






This shows the density of the jungle which had to be removed before any work could be started in the N. A. D. area. The peculiar looking tree in the top left-hand corner is known as a Banyan tree. Appearing as though the roots were growing above ground, these trees were used by the Japs as pill boxes.

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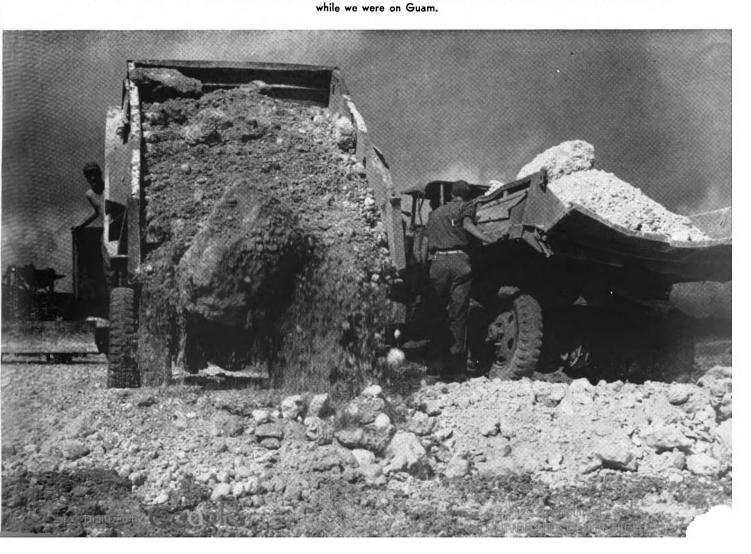




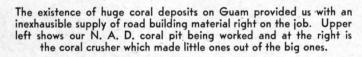
N. A. D. roads.

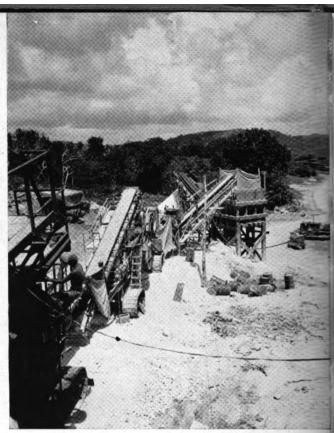
This is what four tons of powder looks like at the height of the explosion beginning the coral pit at N. A. D.

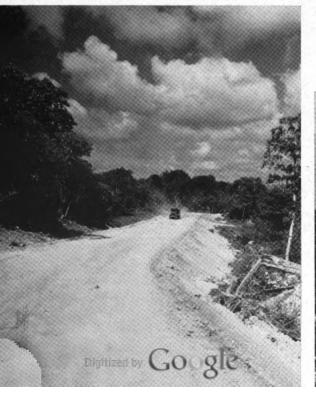
No one took a greater beating than the trucks, truck-drivers and their kidneys. Working around the clock, the trucks were never given a chance to get cold, hauling load after load of coral for the many miles of roads that were built











Below are two good examples of coral roads that were surfaced out of this pit. The crushed coral was also used in the making of concrete without it being necessary to use sand, and as a filler for macadam, in the building of the many miles of Macadam roads and airfield runways on the island.





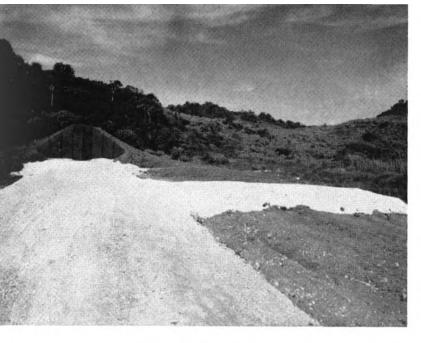
We couldn't resist shooting this pictorial of N. A. D. from the bomb storage road.

A roughed-out section of N. A. D. road.



The same section four days later. That's what we call progress, in a hurry.





Here is the completed igloo, loaded with bad news for the Japs and covered with dirt to make it blend with the surrounding country.

The revetments we prepared at N. A. D. for bomb storage.



Below: Stacked with 1,000-pound messages for Hirohito, it looks like Andy found the one with the emperor's name on it.



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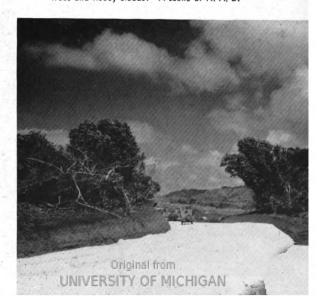






The building of the ammo igloos was accomplished through the teamwork of several different groups of our men. The sites were staked out by the surveyors, rough graded by the bulldozer and power-shovel men, finish-graded by the "Mexican dragline" men, forms installed by the carpenters, concrete poured by Gus Schmits' "smoothers," then the igloos were erected by the riggers. Each crew kept just far enough ahead of the succeeding operation to keep the igloos popping up with assembly-line regularity.

What shutter-bug can resist a bend in the road, overhanging trees and fleecy clouds? A scene at N. A. D.





Left, Top: Major General Henry L. Larsen, U.S. M.C., speaking at the commissioning of N. A. D.

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Left, Center: The N. A. D. Administration Building.



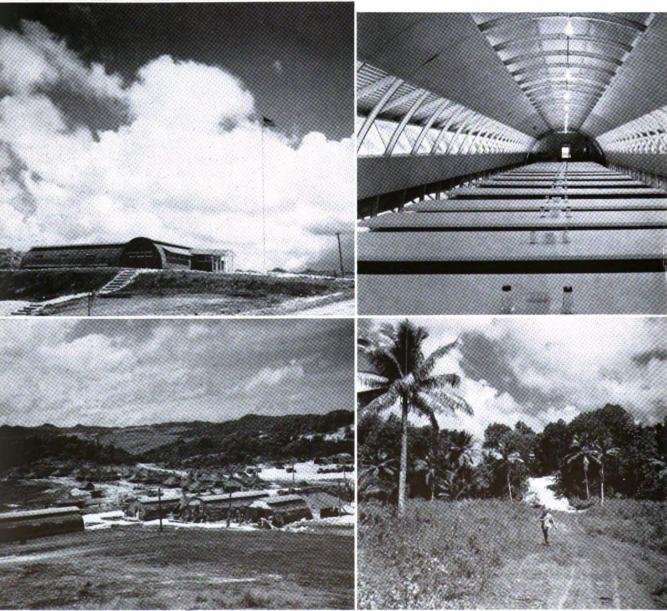
Bottom, Left: The Fourth Battalion work camp at N. A. D.



Below: The spotless mess hall we built for the crew at N. A. D.



Bottom, Right: A beautiful clearing in the jungle on one of our N. A. D. roads.



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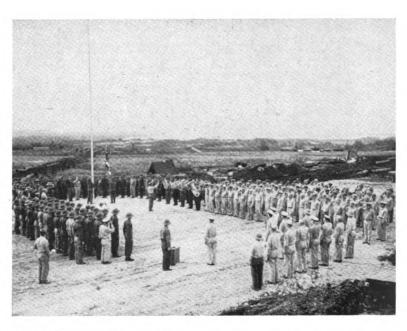
Top: Ceremonies dedicating and commissioning U. S. N. Base 18 Hospital.

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Middle: Partial view of the hospital almost completed.

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Below: Two views of the Officers' mess and club at the hospital. Some of our men put in a lot of work hours here and have shown what can be done to decorate the ordinarily ungainly interior of a Quonset hut.





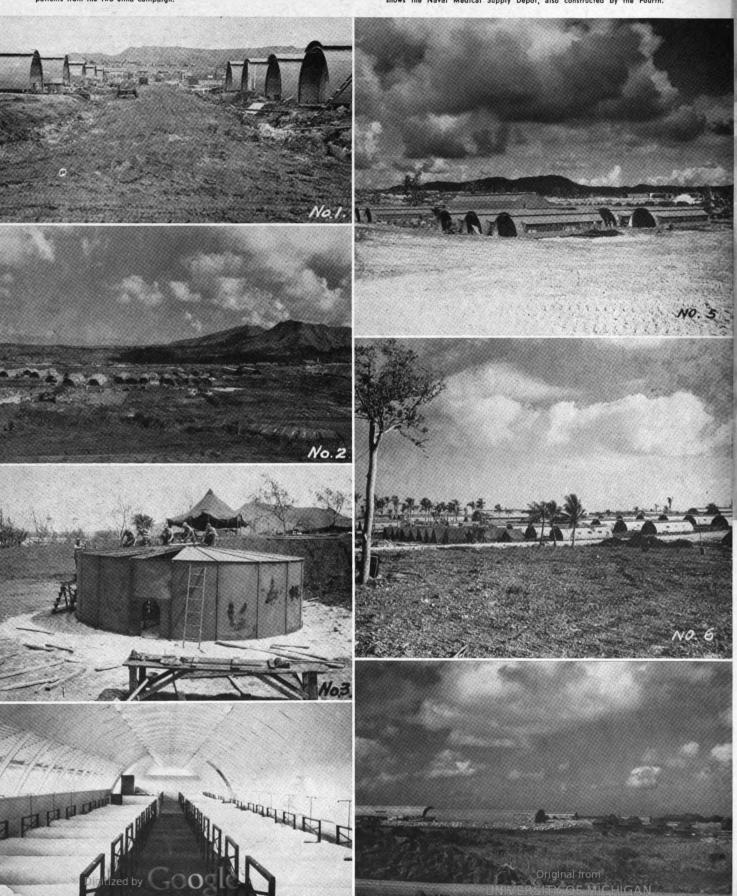


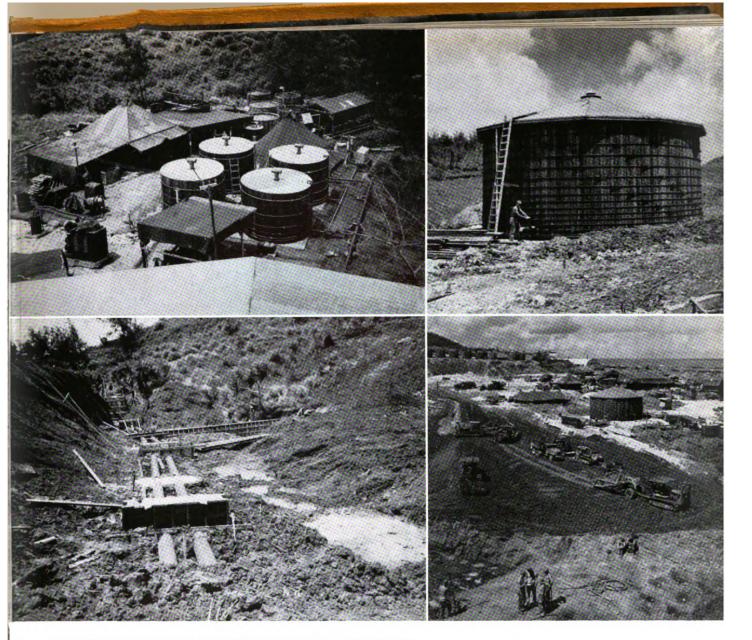


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One of the largest and most important jobs assigned to us on Guam was the construction of the U. S. N. Base Hospital No. 18. Picture No. I shows the hospital in its early stages. No. 2: An overall shot taken about a week later. The constant mud made grading difficult and slowed construction down considerably. No. 3: The water needs of the hospital were large. Here is one of our crews busy on the construction of one of the several large water storage tanks in the hospital water system. No. 4: One of the Base 18 wards finished and ready to receive patients from the Iwo Jima campaign.

When we first saw the areas shown in these pictures, they were thick jungle masses, torn only in a few places by the fury of the battle that had only recently swept over them. Cleaning the ground was a tremendous job. As soon as the ground was ready the hut rection crews went to work and soon had these Naval establishments built and operating. The top picture at right shows part of the Naval Supply housing area, and the middle picture at right is a view of the Naval Operating Base Receiving Barracks. The bottom picture at right shows the Naval Medical Supply Depot, also constructed by the Fourth.

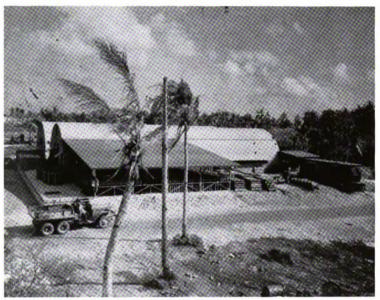


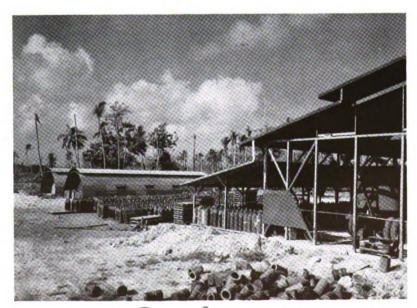




Of prime importance in any military camp is the water supply. Fortunately our camp was bordered on one side by a creek which, even during the dry season, furnished an adequate amount of water for our camp and Base 18 Hospital, across the road. As the water consumption of the hospital grew, we found it necessary to build a storage dam to catch the water that poured down from the hills following the "flash" cloud-bursts. The dam was of earth and rock, 180 feet thick at the base, and 30 feet across at the top. The estimated capacity of the dam was seven and a quarter million gallons—this is water—had it been used for beer the dam would have been too small.



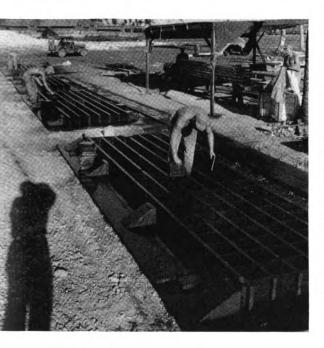






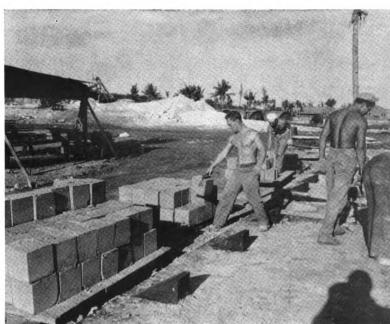


The two top pictures were taken at Talofofo Bay where a small crew of our men did a lot of work toward the establishment of a rest camp for submarine crews. The ship shown is a Jap freighter that was trying to make a safe anchorage in Talofofo Bay when one of our planes spotted it and sent it down with the anchor. The dragline shown above is cleaning out coral from the floor of the lagoon, which was loosened by our hard-rock crew, in order to form a swimming pool. The two pictures at the left show the oxygen and acetylene plants constructed by Mr. Snowden's men, for the Naval Supply Depot.







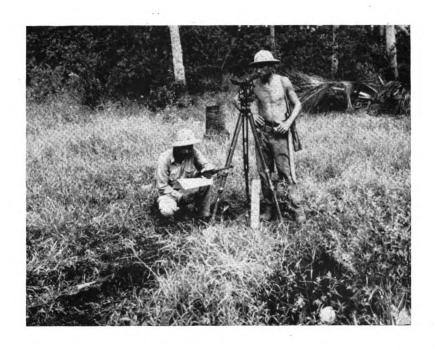


A lot of outfits shored up their Quonset huts and tents with sawed-off coconut logs. We used this method also until one of our boys had an idea and set up the concrete-block factory shown above and went into business. The general idea was not new, but several refinements

were added to it that were original. Under Bob Garvey's able direction, it turned out several hundred perfectly squared blocks each day. These blocks made the setting up of hut floors faster, simpler and easier, thus promoting the famed Seabee efficiency.



ENGINEERING DEPT.







Top: The four gentlemen in the picture above aren't waiting for a cross-town bus, nor is the map they are seemingly concentrating upon, part of a scavenger hunt. Way back in those first days when we arrived on the island of Guam, one of the first problems that confronted the engineering department was that of locating an original point from which to begin the surveying. These four men are looking for that point. We didn't stay to find out whether or not they found it, as we had a cake in the oven.

Bottom: Surveying in the jungles, or "boondocks" as they were known, is like trying to find an American Beauty in a Jap flower shop. The man with the instrument can't see the man with the rod, and it's all done by radar. This is coupled with the mental hazard of knowing that there were Japs in them thar hills and jungles. All this explains why some of the roads that were laid out zigged when they should have zagged.









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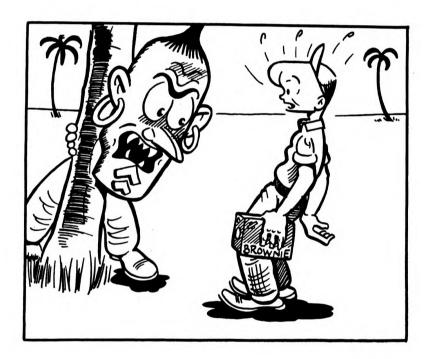
Above: The Battalion surveyors in typical pose of fevered animation surveying the situation so that all of them can sit down.

Middle: Our engineering office crew on Guam. From left to right: Mr. Goodell, Lederer, Anthopolous, Spitzley, Beal, Marshall, and Chief Schmidt.

Bottom: Interior of Guam engineering office.



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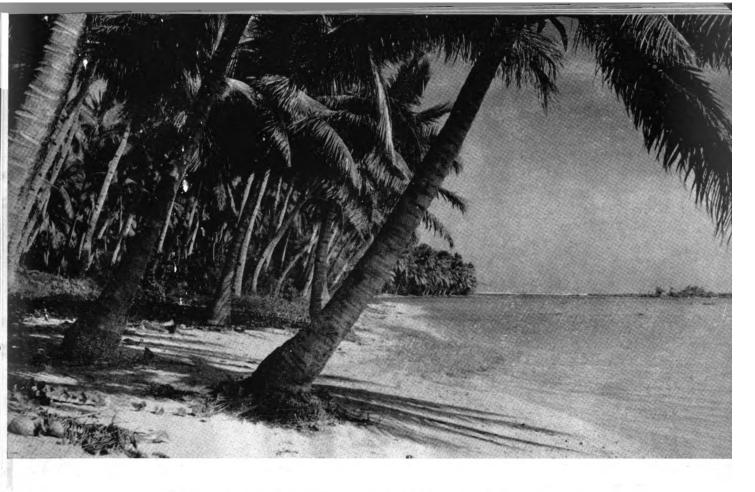
SIDELIGHTS





Beauty is rarely complex and very often the most beautiful things to behold are the most simple. A classic example is this fisherman's cottage in the native village of Merizo on the island of Guam. A more complete appreciation of this simple scene would have been realized had it been possible for us to reproduce it in its natural color. The sparkling white cottage reposed like a jewel

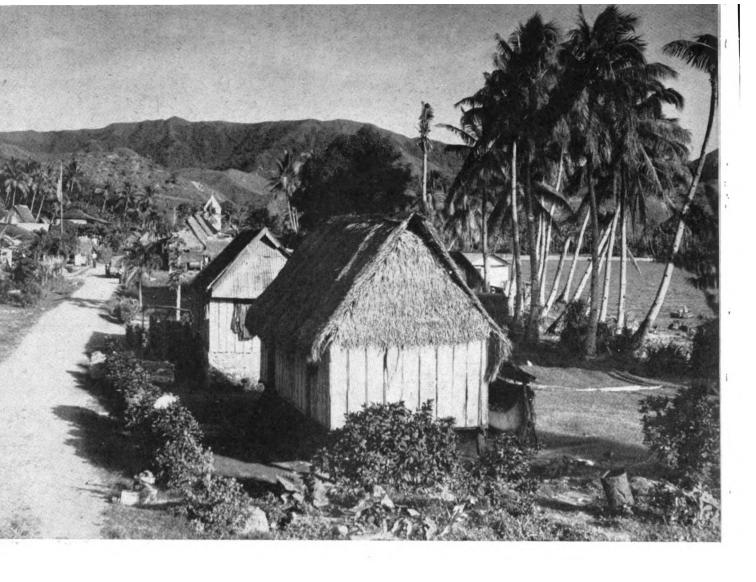
against the background of beautiful green. The bushes around the door were covered with scarlet blossoms, and the nets drying on the green velvet lawn told of the simple life of those who live inside. This blend of color was joined to the azure sky by the graceful coconut palms completing a marvelous picture of tropical beauty and peace.



Scenes like these made it impossible to convince the folks back home that we weren't on an extended vacation, and made columnists refer to our rock-home as an island paradise. We must admit that much of the island looked like a shot out of a Lamour movie, but beautiful scenery won't heal that homesick feeling, and many were the times when we would have traded the whole kaboodle for one glimpse of a Chicago or New York slum.









Another charming island village was Umatac. The one street, the huts and the lawns always gave the appearance of being freshly swept. With the hills on one side and the blue lagoon on the other, here was a set right out of a Hollywood South Seas film.

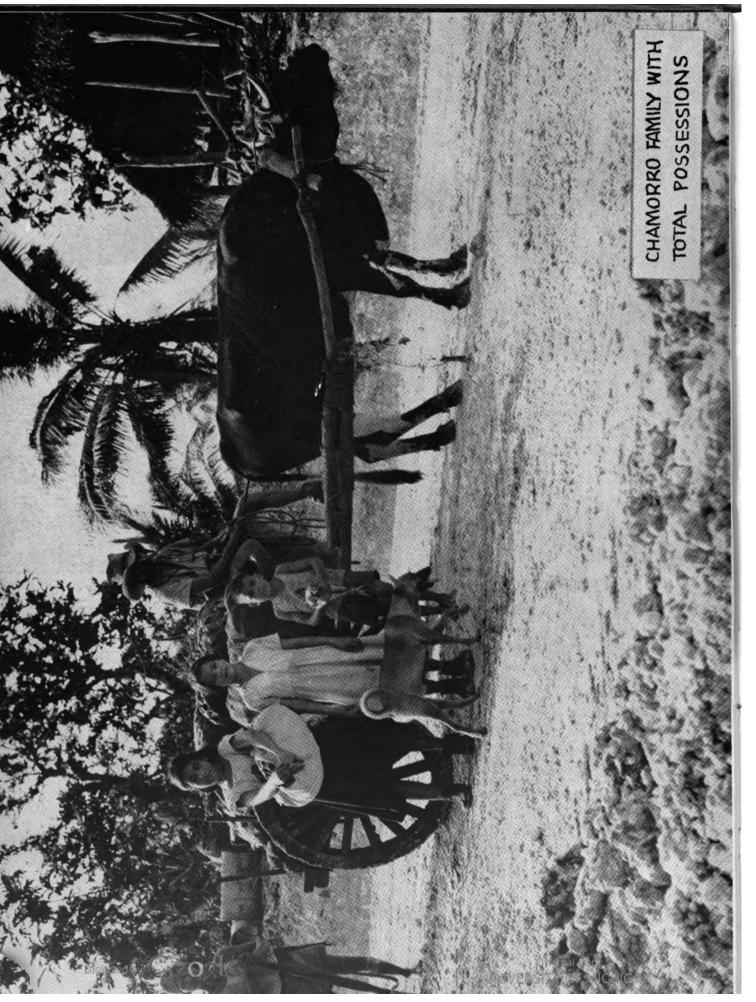




The "suberbs" of the village of Inarajan corresponded to the popular conception of a tropical village. The ordinary troubles that plague mankind seemed far away, and the Mexican spirit of "manana" reigned here, but in a larger sense. If the house burned down? A very minor catastrophe. In the thicket across the road, and all around them, was plenty of bamboo, and palm fronds for a roof. Here in the tropics, clothes were only necessary to cover nakedness, and even that was of small concern. Civilization, as we know it, would be more of a curse than a boon to these simple, happy and carefree people, except for the introduction of medical science, which could aid them in their only serious health menace—skin diseases.



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In the dim, distant past, when we were part of that happy, free race known as civilians, we used to stay home once in a while on Saturday nights and listen to the "Hit Parade." A song hit that remained first on that list for several weeks was titled, "Sleepy Lagoon," and went on to describe a tropical moon and two on an island. At that time we were more than a little idealistic in temperament, and more than once we hoped that as far as we were concerned, that song would come true. Things have transpired since then to make us a little more practical and a little less idealistic, including the slowing down of our blood pressure and a hardening of our arteries. From here on in we'll be content to stay

in our own back yard, and if there's any extra scenery we want to see, we'll stand on top of the garbage can. In the above picture, this beautiful lagoon is part of the shores of the island of Guam. Protecting shelves of coral kept the surf out of the quiet pool, which mirrored the graceful palms that surrounded it, and the blue sky overhead. The water was crystal clear and abounded in many odd forms of marine life. We've seen this "sleepy lagoon" under a tropical moon, but the only one whom we could get to share this tropical beauty with us was another G. I. wolf, and we hadn't been out long enough to appreciate his company.



Guam's version of the Pasadena parade of roses. This picture was taken in Agana, the largest city in Guam, several years before the Japs invaded the island, and shows the happy, carefree lives the natives led during pre-war days.



In direct contrast are the pictures below. The picture in the lower left shows the shell-torn residences of Agana. The city was filled with clean-looking cement-walled structures. Not a single building escaped shelling. The picture in the lower right shows an Agana cemetery filled with war dead.







Driving through Merizo one day just as the kids were returning from school, we couldn't help but notice how neat and clean they were, like so many American boys and girls. The pert little lady on the road at the left of the picture was, believe it or not, the school marm.



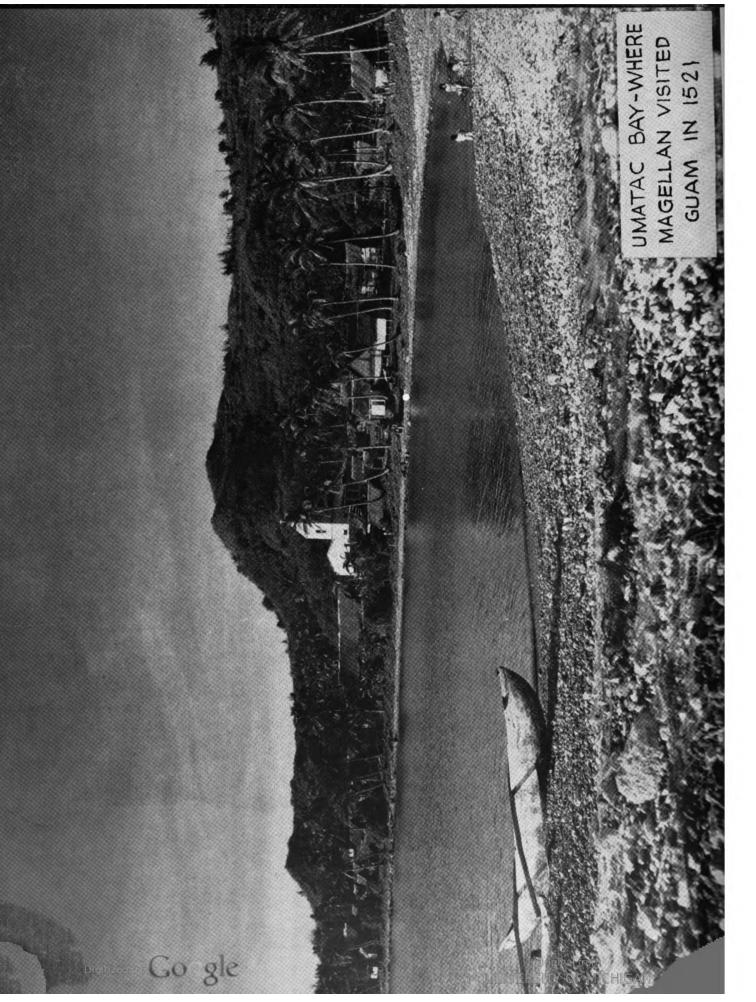
When we retook Guam in the summer of 1944, several villages were destroyed and thousands of the natives were left homeless. In order to provide temporary housing for these people, native working parties built villages such as this one, using government lumber for floors and palm fronds for walls and roofs.

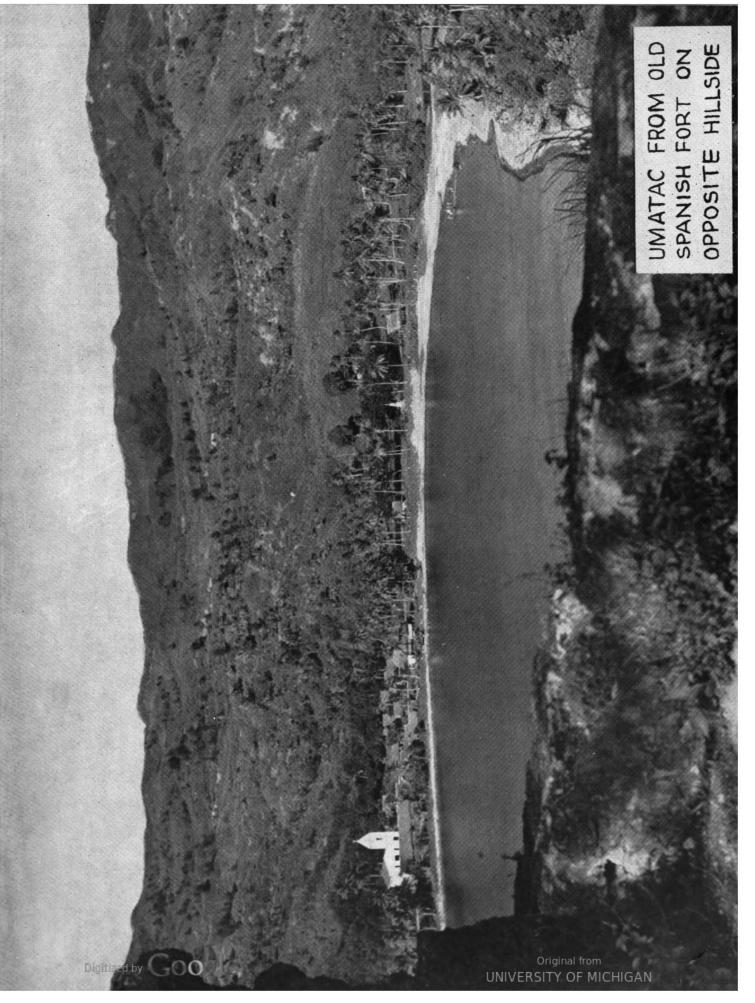


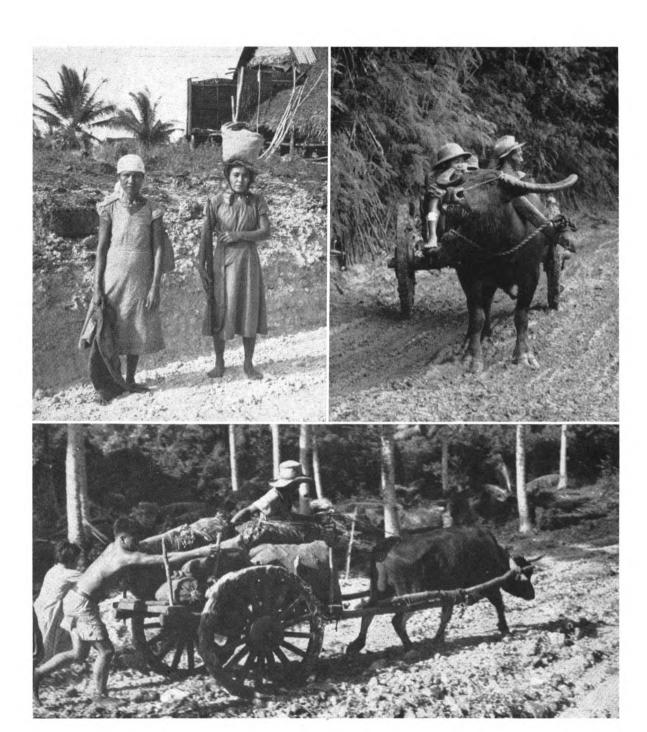
The school house at Merizo was used as a Jap headquarters building during their occupation of the island, but now it has returned to its intended use, proudly displaying the Stars and Stripes once more. The only damage it suffered during the fighting was a light spattering of sniper's bullets.



A street scene in the village of Inarajan. No bill-boards, no gas pumps, no neon lights, no news boys. Just peace—that's all.







Two native Chammorro women stop for a moment to pose for our gallery. The carbine-packing mama juggling the sack on the right isn't going to a military wedding. When this picture was taken there were still about 8,000 Japs loose in the hills, and this native woman is carrying the gun for protection. The natives were treated badly by the Japs. When we arrived they were

poorly clothed and many were without shoes. Walking barefoot on coral is worse than stepping on Junior's blocks on a cold winter night, heading for the men's room. The upper right and lower pictures show how the natives have solved the problem of transportation, and gas coupons. Sometimes they get out and push—even as you and I.

As the native said to his boy, "One man's meat is another man's poi, son," this picture illustrates the fact that there are those that enjoy a good mud bath. These water buffalo were very discriminating and treated us coolly—particularly when they discovered that we were going without fresh meat.



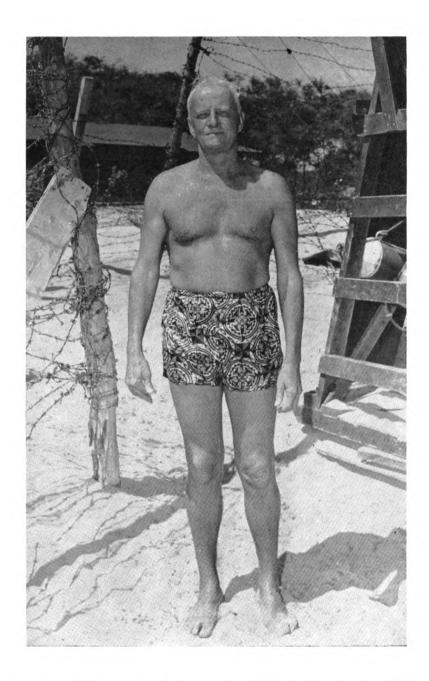
This one would have looked good hung in the den back home, if we could have gotten used to the smell. Notice that calm, penetrating gaze—we got out of the way three-tenths of a second after the shutter clicked.





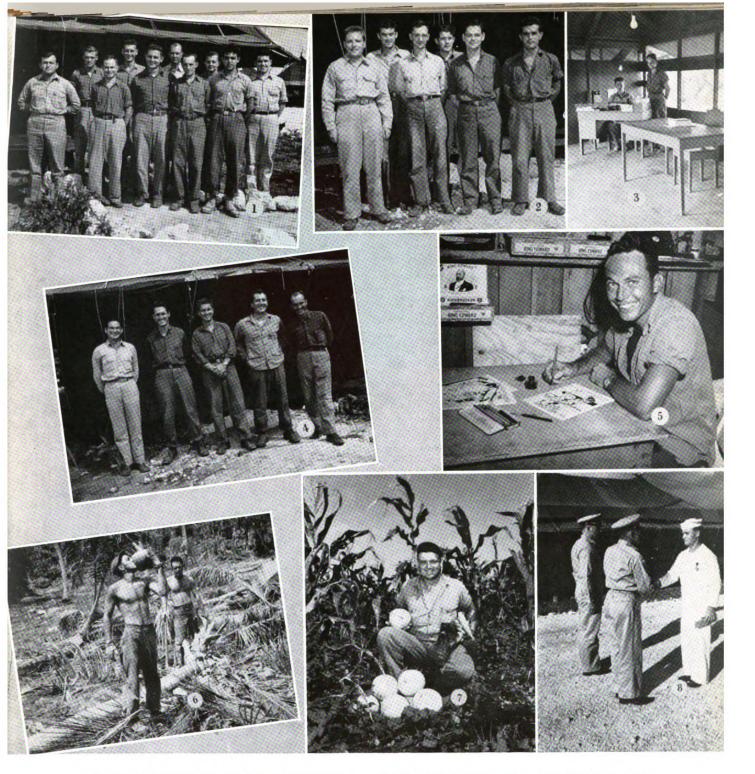
Mother and child. The child has a face that only a mother could love and vice versa. Look at all that fodder, mudder! No K-rations for you!





ADMIRAL OF THE FLEET, CHESTER W. NIMITZ

Very few high officers in any of the services enjoyed the great respect of the men that Admiral Nimitz does. To a man, we had confidence in his ability, and respect for his authority. When away from his official duties, he was one of us, as this informal picture demonstrates. It was taken by Chuck Brenkus at a picnic the Battalion held at a beach in Hawaii.



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1. The men in the personnel office who kept our service records in shape and accounted every day for where the Bees were working. Left to Right: Lt. Baker, Osgood, Wolfe, Householder, Sheehan, Vandermade, Hoylman, Metz, Albanese and Hinton.

2. The disbursing crew was very popular with the men—at least once a month, come payday. Through them, we were always assured of the payday.

sured of proper attention to our financial affairs, as far as the Navy was concerned with them. Left to Right: Lt. Bellows, Donohue, Crawford, Marshall, Hilfiker and Chief Corrado.

3. Gilliand and Hudson were custodians of the outer office in the Administration Building. Hudson was Commander's yeoman and Gilliland was the Executive Officer's yeoman.

4. The happy crew of the Supply office. Left to Right: Lt. Levinson, Hogren, Sherwood, Vail and Chief Eubanks.

5. The battalion's latrine artist—a combination Salvador Dali and head sprayer—who signs himself A. J. Andersen. Volunteering to his draft board in Hollywood, Calif., this is the type of predatory animal found baying on the corner of Hollywood and Vine.

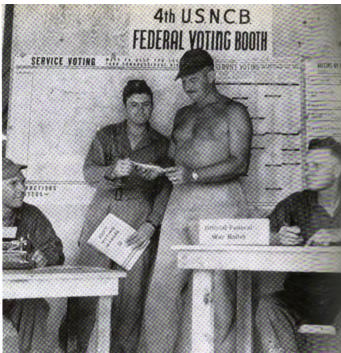
6. Drinking the juice of the coconut. The juice of the green coconut, and the meat of the ripe coconut is safe for human consumption. The meat of the green coconut and the juice of the ripe coconut act as a laxative. Or maybe it's vice versa—we always got it mixed. Anyway, we spent a lot of time in the head.

7. The Fourth Battalion's contribution to Guam's Foreign Economic Administration was Kittyhawk, a born farmer, shown here with a few of the products of his toil.

8. Wounded almost six months after the island was secured, by a Jap bullet, while performing his duties in the jungle, Barnaby is

a Jap bullet, while performing his duties in the jungle, Barnaby is shown here receiving the Purple Heart from Commander Rowe.





The demands of war were forgotten for a moment, and the rights of a free people to vote were exercised, when men in the armed forces all over the world climbed out of trenches and fox-holes and stood in line before their make-shift polls. On October 10, 1944, the Fourth Battalion voted for their choice for next President in this little tent on a rock 5,500 miles from the States.

Hulit and "Red" Bohn make like they're busy in our armory, checking the working mechanism on several machine guns. Stacked behind "Red" is part of the thousand or so carbines he and Hulit kept oiled and ready for any emergency, such as a Banzai attack by the loose

Japs in the hills, or a visit by representatives of the Spam company.







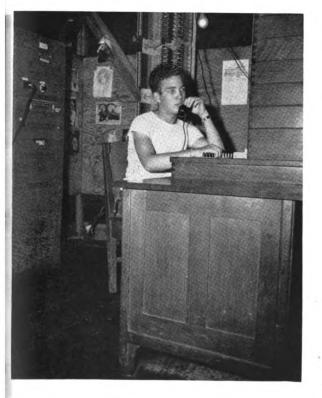


Upper Right: P. J. Smith, the oldest man in the Battalion, signs the first application for release from the service under the 42-year-old law. A few months after this picture was taken, "Smitty" finally went home, showing his un-disguised happiness at the opportunity to return to civilian life but with a twinge of heart and that sudden feeling of loneliness that seizes you when you realize that you are leaving many friends.



Lower Left: Ed ("Is that you, Myrt?") Axton, a wrong number from Pennsylvania. In his own efficient manner, Ed kept the Battalion switch board superbly Snafu'd.

Lower Right: It has been said that the quickest way to lose your friends, next to contracting leprosy, was to become an M.A.A. At best never an enviable position, their job has to be done—and these boys did the job well.









The Commander's dining room, an excellent exhibition of the skill of our finish-carpenters.



The main room and bar of the officers' club. The ceiling was of palm fronds woven for the purpose by several old native men. The bamboo work on the bar and furniture was done by the men in our saw shop, and, as the picture shows, they made a beautiful job of it.

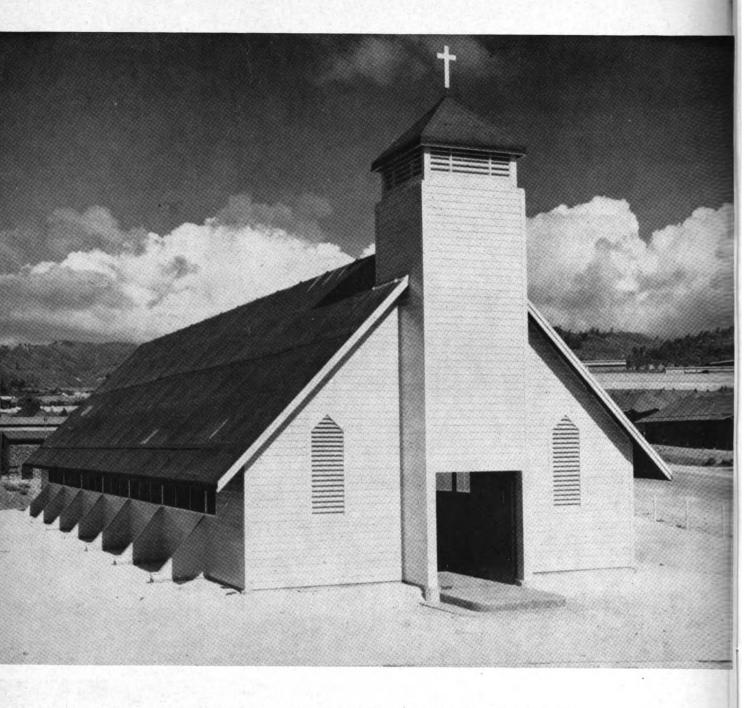


The officers' dining room, or "mess" as it is known in Navy slanguage. All of the furniture was made in the Battalion saw shop.

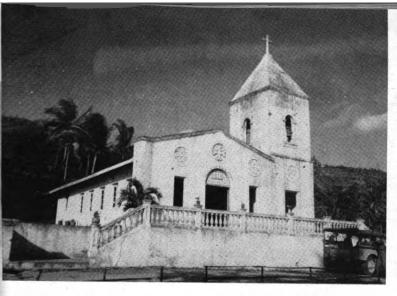
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- I. A simple ceremony marking the raising of the first flag over the camp of the Fourth Battalion on Guam.
- 2. Good natured "Pop" Richards, the first man to leave the Fourth under the 42year-old discharge act.
- 3. Tony Phillips, telephone repairman, checking the phone in the photo lab. Our two fearless cameramen had requested Tony to fix the phone so that it wouldn't ring during the hours of seven to five and wake them up.
- 4. Part of our "I want to be a 30-year man" club, or the "Life Can Be Beautiful" fraternity. One of our boys stands between his flower garden - a labor of love and his contribution toward making our little Guam hide-away a more pleasant place to live.
- 5. The electric crew, which kept electrical power and telephone service operating efficiently in our area and in the Base 18 Hospital.
- 6. Poles cut from jungle trees for our power lines at N. A. D.
- 7. Tony and "Windy" string telephone wires at Base 18 Hospital with the aid of a Seabee-built cable chair.
- 8. The telephone crew we loaned to Island Command to keep their wires unsnarled. From left to right, front row: Salisbury, Jones, Bonner; back row: Morton, Hall and Armbrest.





Of all Naval regulations, we admire most the rules governing and guaranteeing freedom of worship, and the opportunity for every man to attend the services of his choice. Here is our chapel, used by many units in our neighborhood as well as by the Fourth Battalion. Seating capacity of the chapel was about three hundred.



Upper Left: The church in the village of Umatac, Guam, shows the Spanish influence in its architecture. Upper Right: The construction of this church, by the natives of Inarajan, Guam, was well along when the war interrupted them. Now that the Japs have gone, its completion is yet being postponed by the re-building of their villages.





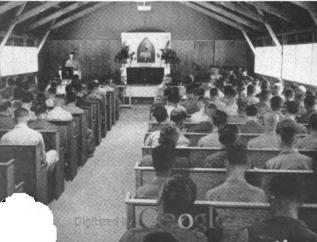
Lower Left: "Creek" Branch poses with the altarpiece he painted. The painting was an outstanding work of art and was openly praised by the many chapel visitors. Lower Right: Outlined against the always beautiful tropical sky, the carpenters erect the framework of the chapel.



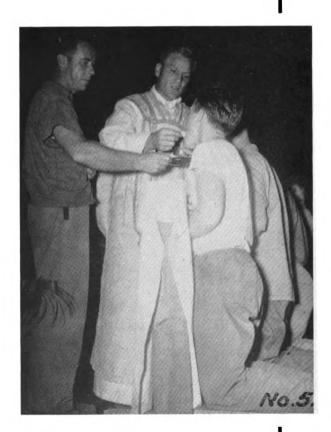








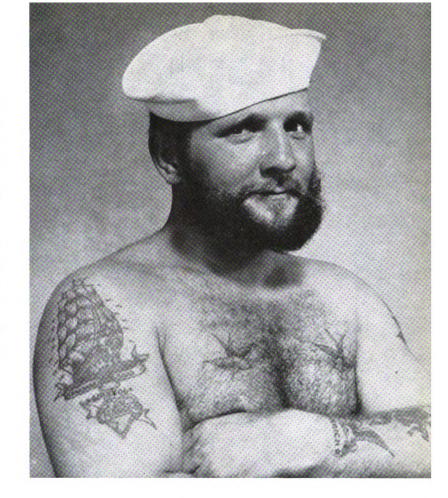
Pictures I and 5 were taken during Midnight Mass, Christmas, 1944. This mass was held in our amphitheatre, the "Penguin Bowl," and was attended by nearly 2,000 men from our own and surrounding units. The officiating priest was Chaplain Zacher of a marine unit on the island. Picture No. 2 pictures the Protestant Easter service of 1944 in our chapel at Moanalua Ridge, and No. 3 is a Catholic service in the same chapel. Picture No. 4 depicts the 1945 Easter service in our new chapel on Guam. The altar was decorated by ferns and flowers some of our men gathered out in the jungle.



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Right: Danny (Jocko) Lowry, who is probably the saltiest Seabee in the Fourth Battalion. Danny encouraged this growth of hedge while we were stationed in Hawaii, and looks like a cross between Robinson Crusoe and the Smith Brother on this end. Danny picked up the phrase, "Shape up, Jocko," very likely in some harbor hangout, began using it, and it swept the battalion like wild-fire.

"Whitey" Olcott was never an actor behind the footlights, but here we find him with his arm in a cast. Ouch! Returning from work for lunch one day, he was thrown from a truck as it hit a soft shoulder and overturned. "Whitey" was confined for several weeks, holding down a sack in the base hospital across from, and built by, the Fourth Battalion. He then left this "island paradise" and was sent back to the States to mend.









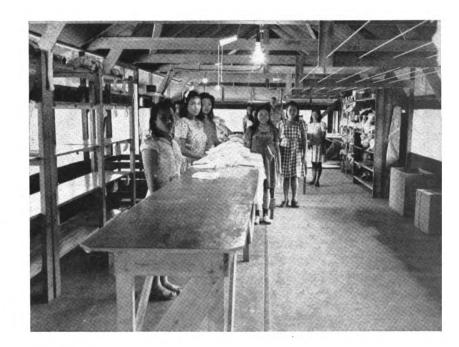
As the telephone in the Agana drug store had been put out of order by a sixteen-inch shell, our only contact with home was by the way of the U. S. postal system. A small, but by no means unimportant, part of this system was made up in the persons of Willie Glenn, A. J. "Senator" Malison, and another male mail-man named Steadman who was added to the staff at Guam. No man is more roundly cursed than the mail man when there is no mail even though he is no more responsible for a condition as sad as this, than he is for those white spots on the post office roof back home. Upper Left: An inside shot of the Quonset that served as the post office in Hawaii. Upper Right: Inside our post office at Guam. Middle Left: Getting ready for our first mail-call on the island of Guam. Middle Right: An exterior shot of the Fourth Battalion post office—as both signs admit—on the same island. Lower Right: That genial gentleman, who could tell you that you had no mail, with a smile-Willie Glenn. Who's that bag I saw you with, Willie!"

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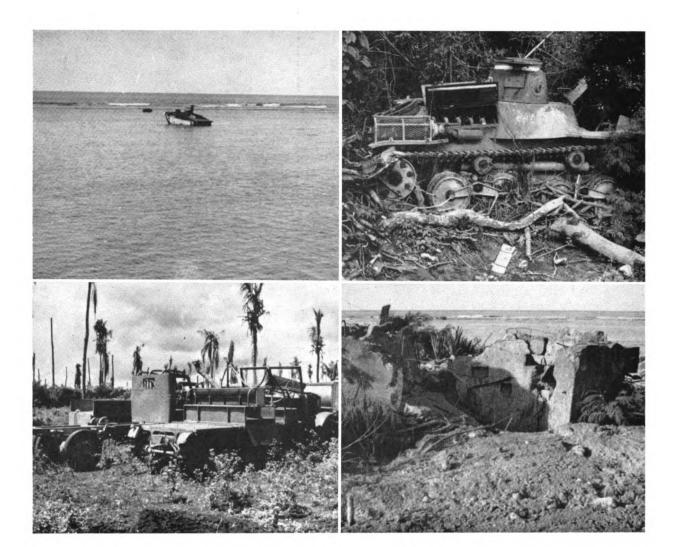


Upper Left: Conway, Battalion tailor, does a re-inforcement job on a pair of yeoman britches. Upper Right: Conley, Battalion jeweler, poses next to his portable pawnshop. "I can," he has said, "repair anything from a watch to a bulldozer-just bring it in." We are just thinking how funny we'd look trying to tell time with a wrist bulldozer. Middle Right: Native girls working at the sorting rack in our laundry. Lower Left: Chief "Tugboat" Smith and his staff of laundry workers. While the rest of us were making only \$50 per month plus 20% overseas pay, "Tugboat" was down in the laundry cleaning up. Ouch! Lower Right: Another inside shot of the laundry showing the native girls and Jake Gersuk giving a fair imitation of a man working. The laundry did the men's clothing for free. It was very convenient having a laundry because when you got your clothes back, all you had to do was to wash and dry 'em.







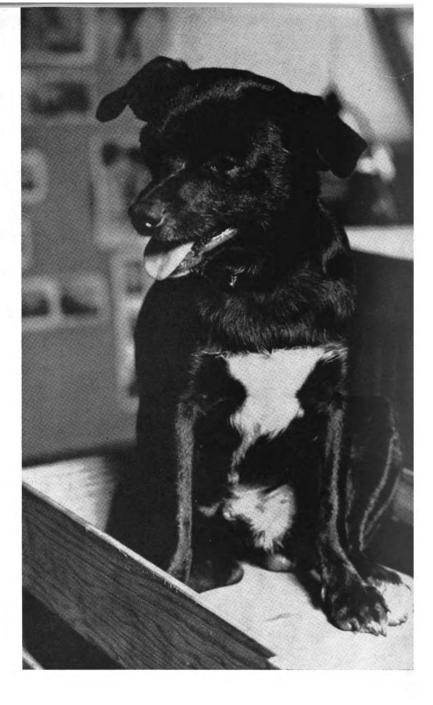


Upper Left: A marine amtrack stands sentinel, facing the sea. Coming in with the first waves on D-day, this amtrack had a little difficulty with a Jap shell, and has remained on this Guam beach since that time waiting for the repairman.

Upper Right: This picture graphically illustrates one of Nature's cycles. In the years before the war, profit-hungry dealers sold scrap iron to our little yellow brothers on the island of Japan. They, in turn, converted this scrap iron into their idea of a war machine. The picture shows how our fighting men have reconverted the Japtank back into scrap iron.

Lower Left: Jap war vehicles rusting out their time on a Guam parking lot. Many Jap machines were copies of our own, but turned out to be very poor imitations, both in quality and efficiency.

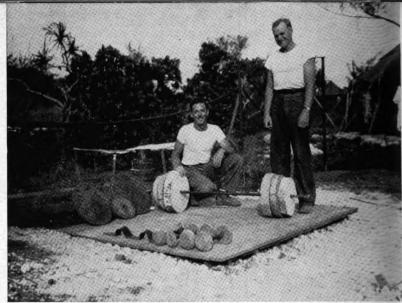
Lower Right: A Jap pill box, built with concrete and many hours of native slave labor, and silenced in one second by a well-placed shell from one of our battle-wagons. These F. H. A. structures, financed by the Jap government, dot the beaches of Guam in mute testimony of the Nips' determination to hold the island, and their failure to do so.



The Battalion never had a mascot, but Johnny Sheehan's little dog "Zack" came pretty close to it. Johnny smuggled him over from Hueneme to Hawaii in a hand bag, and he was about the most faithful pet we have ever seen. We don't ever remember seeing Johnny on Moanalua Ridge without Zack trailing pretty close behind. Zack's favorite resting place during working hours was the letter tray on Bob Hinton's desk in the

Personnel office. He considered that to be his personal property, and any attempt to put him out of it before he was ready to leave was to invite bodily harm. He was about the size of two pounds of oleomargarine, about as slippery to catch and with all the arrogance and fighting spirit of a little Napoleon. When we left for Guam, Johnny had to leave him in Hawaii, and the parting was quite a sad affair.





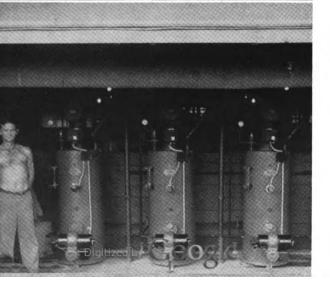


Upper Left: Operating a pneumatic drill while building a bridge across the creek that ran behind our camp. Never specializing in any one thing, our work included everything from bridges to bridge-work.

Upper Right: Apparently not satisfied with the exercise they received as part of their duties on the surveying crew, these two lads, Jongewaard and Agnew, labored to construct a set of barbells from building cement and dumb-bells from poured lead. They say that if you act as the middle-man in opposition to the law of gravity, standing between the earth and the weights, you will accumulate such a set of muscles as will make the girls swoon with delight. Our ambitions, as far as exercise was concerned, never went much farther than securing the sack.

Middle: Showing the well-stocked shelves of our ship's service in Hawaii.

Lower Left: "Pappy" Allen poses next to the three boilers he mothered during the months we spent on Guam.







Upper Left: Cutting coconut trunks by hand, a tedious and laborious process in contrast to (upper right) cutting them with an electric and portable saw in a matter of but a few seconds.

Middle: Our barber shop while in Hawaii.

Lower Right: There was probably no person connected with this war more maligned than the censor. Pegged as a snipper of paper dolls and as being razor-happy, the rules and regulations that governed the censors would fill the Manhattan telephone directory. The shot at the left shows our censors in their hut at Hawaii. A similar shot taken a year later would have revealed a conspicuous loss of hair.











Upper Left: Blue Monday or wash day on Guam. Just as the women back home lean over the back fence, so the native women on Guam gather with their dirty clothes in one big wash tub to exchange those little jewels of knowledge that women all over the world are famous for.

Upper Right: Being a little unskilled in such matters, we found it harder to get into a coconut than the Stork Club on celebrity night. The coconuts out here aren't like those at home that come in cans already shredded.

These coconuts are protectively covered with a thick husk and a hard shell that make you wonder if they're worth bothering with anyway. However, to the natives they are no puzzle, and we watched this brown-skinned lad open one faster than you could wind your watch. These native boys, aged from 7 to 15, could be seen on the roads at all times, going from camp to camp, wearing cast-off G. I. shoes much too large for them, and with bags slung over shoulders. filled with canned food and old clothes.

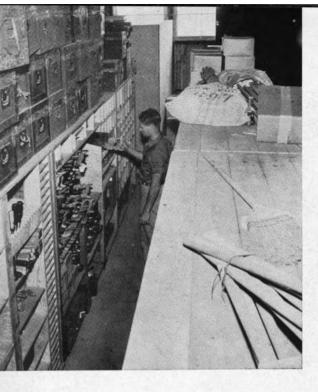


From Left to Right: Chaplain Booth, Hubbard, Hanson, and Porter comprise four-fifths of the Welfare Department. The missing member was one "Bugs Bunny" Heroth, whose unceasing devotion to duty kept him out of this picture.

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These two rugged looking groups of Bees are a few of the truck drivers and heavy equipment operators plus the men in the shop who kept them rolling. Few people realize that the transportation department of a battalion accounts for more than twenty-five per cent of its personnel.



Above and below are two inside views of our warehouse at Moanalua Ridge, and are good examples of equipment storage. At the right is the lumber yard at the Ridge.





Above: A battalion can operate only as efficiently as its supply department. Here are the hard-working guys that kept the materials rolling up to the construction crews.

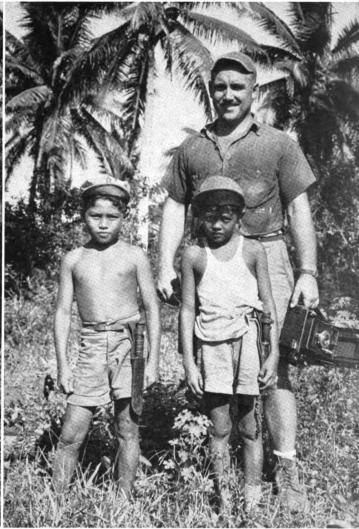


Below: Waiting for the rush at the ship's store. This was the busiest little store on the rock.



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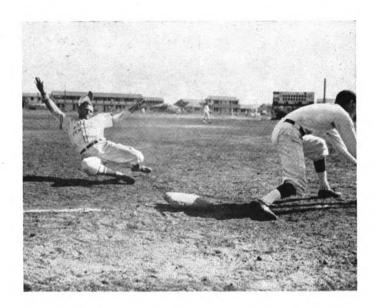


At the beginning of this book, listed as part of the staff are two photographers. The average photographer falls somewhere between the vile character who sneaks shots over the transom, and the envied photographer of glamorous and seductive shapes. He is associated with dark-rooms, birdies, Brownies, flash-bulbs and tin-types. He is the one that is blamed when that picture of you at the Convention of the Amalgamated Association For the Prevention of Sticking Gum Under Park Benches comes out poorly. By "poorly" we mean it shows you just as you are. The photographer is maligned, censured and abused. In spite of all this he manages to remain human—almost.

Not knowing what sort of characters they were dealing

with, the two native boys in the pictures above consented to pose with our two photographers. The TALL boys are the photographers. On the left, grinning as though he was going home, is Chuck "Pinhead" Brenkus, born in a coal bin in Pitsburgh. On the right, a solid citizen of some 210 pounds, is Bill "The Bull" Ismay, who, as a civilian, rented a gopher hole in the desert suburbs of Phoenix, Arizona. Any resemblance between these two and real photographers is purely co-incidental. Like a chief, they popped up when you least expected them, with Brownie clutched tightly in bony fingers, and snapped a picture of you while you were taking a short rest. For the pictorial effect they alone are to blame, and for this book coming into being at all they are largely responsible.

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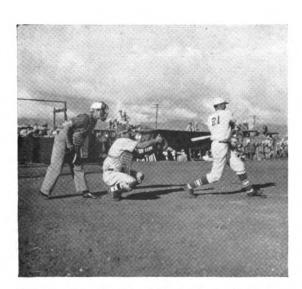




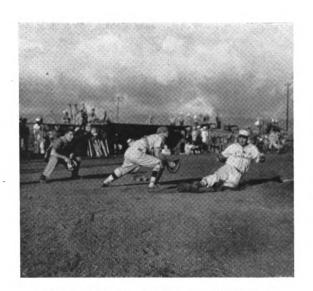


The 1944 Penguin team, winner of the first half competition in the Oahu service team's league. Standing, left to right: T. K. Anderson, coach; Mills. Theisen, Phelan, Porter, Gilkey, Bell, Taylor, Allen, and Chief Daniels, team manager. Front Row: Carrol, Bay, Sloan, Vinitsky, Allison, Henely, Holt and Corrado.

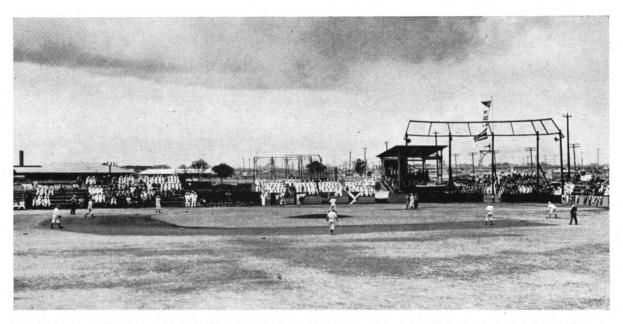




Theisen poles out a line drive in the Seabee league opener on Oahu.

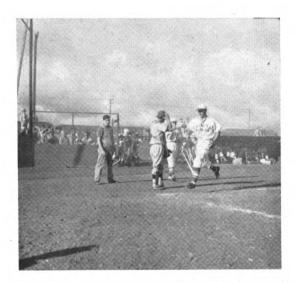


Johnnie Phelan is safe at home on a close play.

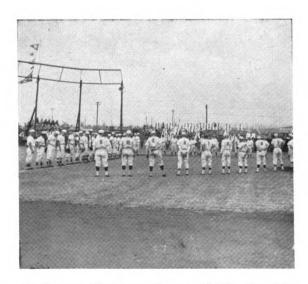


The league opener, with all hands in whites or khaki, was a pretty snazzy affair. We won in a loose battle with the Third Regiment, 17 to 3, April, 1944.

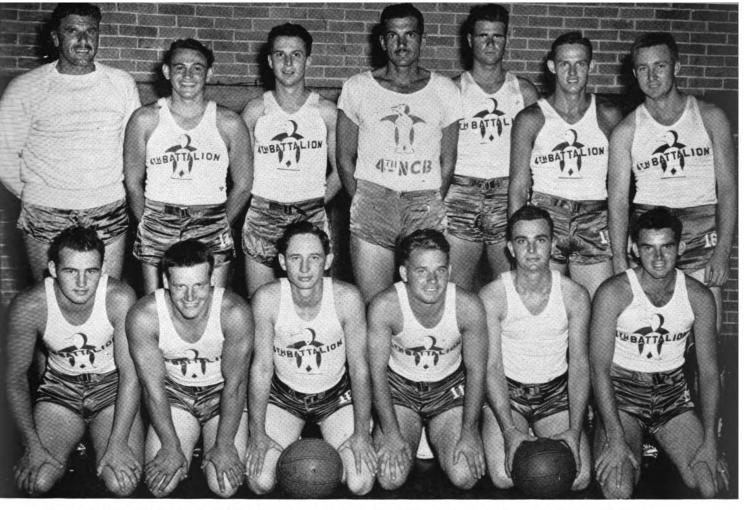




Mills romps across the plate with our first homer of the season.



We line up with the opposing team for the pre-game ceremonies.



Our 1944 basketball team, which did well against some pretty tough competition on Oahu. Standing, from left to right: Dick Wallberg, the coach, Jacobson, Rice, Theisen, Cleary, Bode, and Black. Kneeling: Hurd, Kim, Henely, Hinzey, Wood and Ryan. Below: Some action shots in a game we played on the Honolulu Y. M. C. A. court against a Coast Guard team.





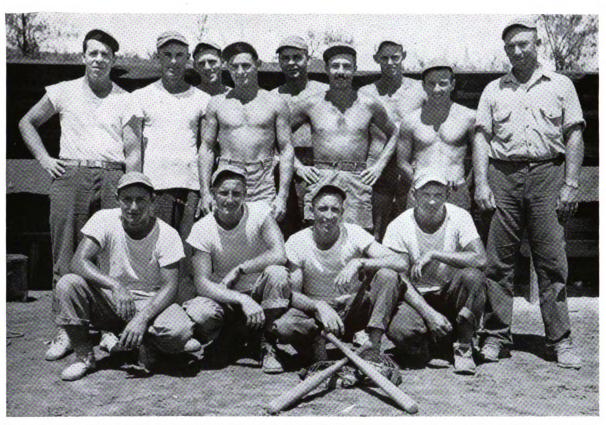


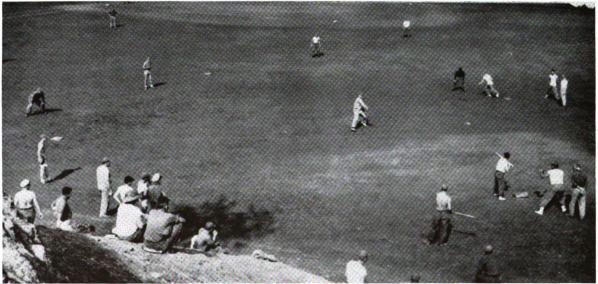


Wherever American boys go, in peace and in war, they take their sports with them. Hardly has the sounds of battle ceased before some sort of sports installation springs into existence. The first games played are naturally the simplest, probably horseshoes or just tossing a ball back and forth. As more time can be spared from military or construction duties, a basketball court is set up, or a volley ball net is strung between two palm trees. And, in spite of the heat, it usually isn't long before a football is seen sailing through the humid air. When the Japs have been cleared from the immediate vicinity of the camp, the site for an honest-to-goodness baseball field is chosen, for how long could Americans stay even moderately happy without baseball?

Across the creek from our camp on Guam was a former bivouac area of one of the divisions who retook the island from the Nips. It was dotted with fox-holes and gun emplacements and was quite hilly. Cut, filled and tamped by our heavy equipment men, the baseball field shown above was ready for use in about a week, and the "Penguins" began practice in order to enter the island league which was forming.

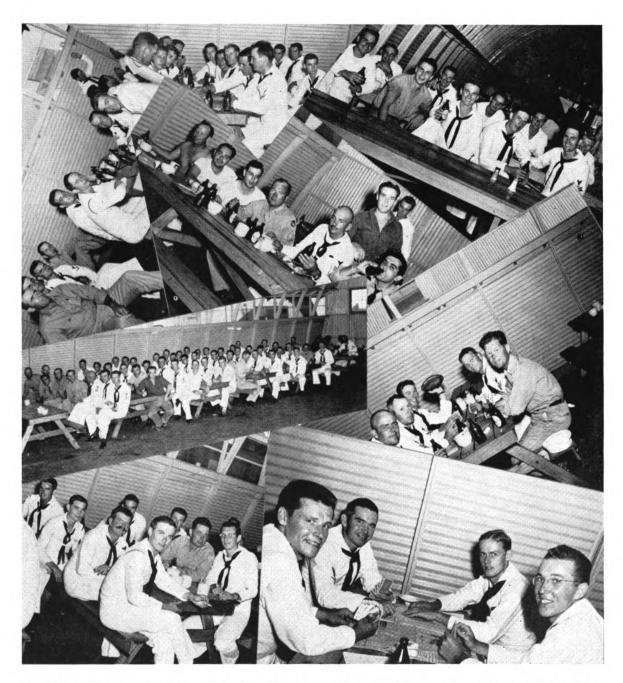
Teams from ships in the harbor and several units on the island who had no diamond of their own used this field. One of the most interested spectators at some of the games was Admiral Nimitz, who was, apparently, quite a baseball fan. His favorite vantage point was behind the backstop, sitting in his blue sedan.





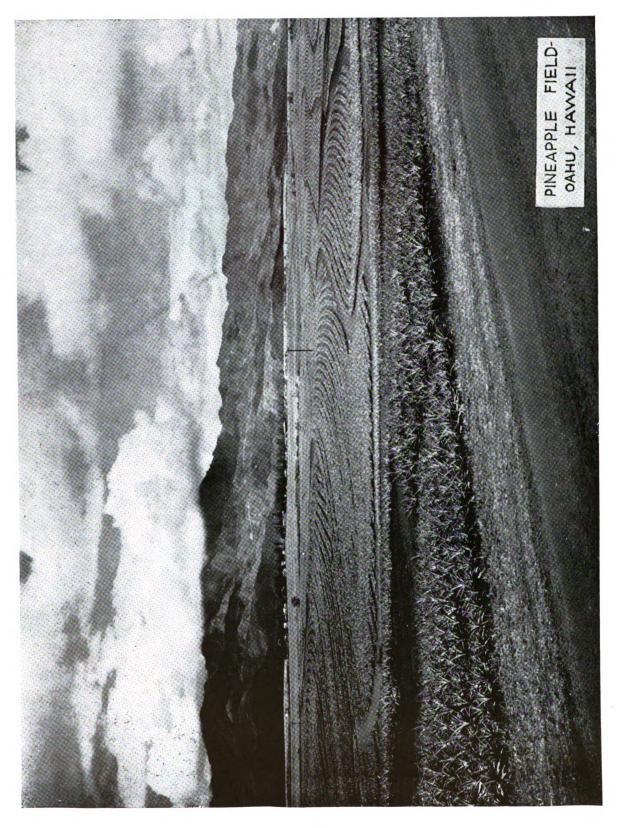
A lot of interest was whipped up among the men by an intra-battalion softball league. Ten to twelve teams were active in the competition, and interest reached a high pitch when the two leading teams played for the championship. The picture at the top shows the team

who won the first half of the league schedule—the Company "C" Hilltoppers, managed by "Ma" Poole. Bottom: An exciting moment in a game between the cooks and the "Dispensary Destroyers."

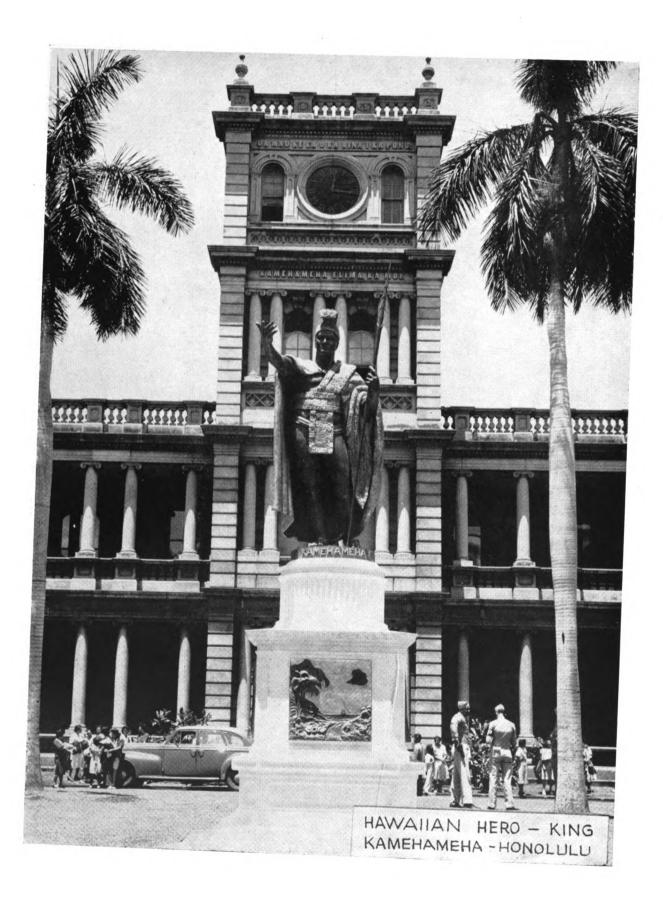


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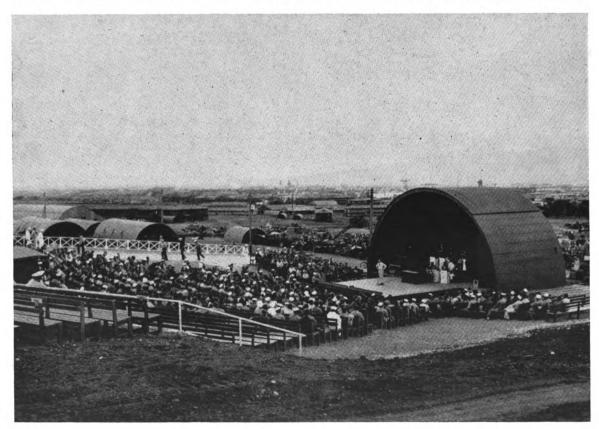






Pic's six worked hard to give the Battalion a lot of the swell swing music we used to get back home—from left to right: Bob Garvey, Haskell, Gillis, Milner, Nat Piccirilli, Ruchoft and Lambro.

Our theatre at Moanalua Ridge was a model entertainment establishment. The movie projection was excellent, and seating arrangement was such that good view of the stage or screen could be enjoyed from any part of the theatre.





- 1. Baritone Garfield Swift gives out with the "Road to Mandalay" during a U. S. O. camp show at the Ridge.
- 2. There was no need for the order "eyes front" when this miss started her strip tease.
- 3. We might not have given this marionette performance a second thought in the States, but out in Hawaii we considered it top flight entertainment.
- 4. "Rocky" LaRocca found out about strip tease in reverse when he had to put the skirt back on the girl, and in front of a thousand hecklers, too. But he was game, and stuck to the job till it was finished. Nice duty, we calls it.
- 5. Bob Garvey was the master of ceremonies on practically every battalion show we ever put on, and his ready wit saved

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- many an act from falling flat. Here he is practicing his gags on the Battalion at the opening of our theatre on the Ridge.
- 6. The winsome lass making with coy dialogue and gestures is none other than "Doc" Wade, playing a housewife in this little skit with Bob Garvey.
- 7. "Maestro" Altnow and his pride and joy, the Fourth Battalion military band. They played at colors every morning while we were at the Ridge, and gave an occasional concert at the theatre, as well.
- 8. "Smitty's" harmonica and guitar trio ground out some close harmony on old and new songs during a couple of our Battalion shows.



Entertainment was not always provided by U. S. O. troupes or by our own men. In Hawaii and on Guam, the natives gave freely of their time and talents. They were not professionals by any means, but their native songs and dances helped to build up a little of the tropical atmosphere that G. I. life had torn down for us.



In Hawaii our conception of the Hula was taken out of the night club and side show class because we found out there that it was a means of ceremonial and historic expression that has been handed down for years by mothers and fathers to sons and daughters. The little girl dancing in this picture was an expert at the age of ten.





The native Chamorros on the island of Guam were of almost as many mixed bloods as the natives of Hawaii. Some were whiter than our own tanned boys, and some were almost black. Many of the girls, by our standards, were very pretty. The little native lads adored the Marines, and the native girls quickly picked up American slang and manner of dress from the movies shown on the island. Shortly after we arrived, a group of native girls put together an amateur musical show and toured the island circuit. One night they played at our theatre, the "Penguin Bowl." Upper Left: A put-up job, this gal sang a song titled "Down by the Slop-Chute," and dedicated it to Swede Larsen. Middle: The songs these four little lasses sang were evidently learned before the war, as their repertoir included songs like "Little Sir Echo." Lower Right: Tickling the tonsils on another song.

Below: This native boy and girl did a peculiar little dance with those sticks they hold, striking them together to the tune of "Dark-town Strutter's Ball."







A Marine band played for the show. Here is shown one of the boys in the band singing some groovy little ditty, while most of the native girls stand in the background looking on.

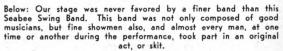
In the Pacific theatre of war, U. S. O. show units made one-night stands in the fox-hole circuit for the purpose of building morale. In many cases it merely increased home-sickness. Taking advantage of the fact that the men overseas were starved for entertainment and many had never seen a white woman for twelve to twenty-four months at a stretch, many units were composed of a couple of movie-struck wenches who figured that this

was a good way to crash the racket, and the shows wound up by having more corn than the state of Iowa. Below are a couple of shots from the show "Girl Crazy," which played on the "Penguin Bowl" stage, and was one of the few above-average entertainment units. The show was made up of eight comely lasses (there may have been several men, too), and the eyeballs of the male audience bulged for several days.

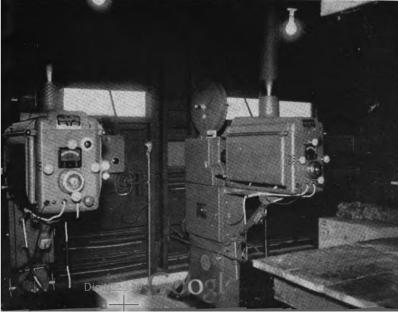


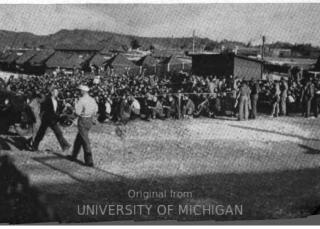


Movies made up the main form of entertainment for servicemen in the Pacific area. In many cases the theatre consisted of a small projector and a white sheet for a screen. The men sat on the ground or on empty Cration boxes, out under the night sky and when a passing cloud decided to empty a few million gallons of water in their vicinity, they got under their ponchos and the show went on. Many movies were previewed in these fox-hole Bijous weeks before being aired in civilian show houses. We also received many films that were so old that we weren't sure that "talkies" were here to stay. But old or new, good or bad, each night found the lean-to theatre well attended. Above: Our theatre, the "Penguin Bowl," one of the best equipped theatres on Guam. Many long hours were spent and many thick callouses were formed, sitting on these rough seats of split coconut trunks. Lower Left: Inside the projection booth. The projectors were the same as those used in a small movie house back in the States, Lower Right: The seats are filled early in anticipation of a traveling U. S. O. theatre unit.



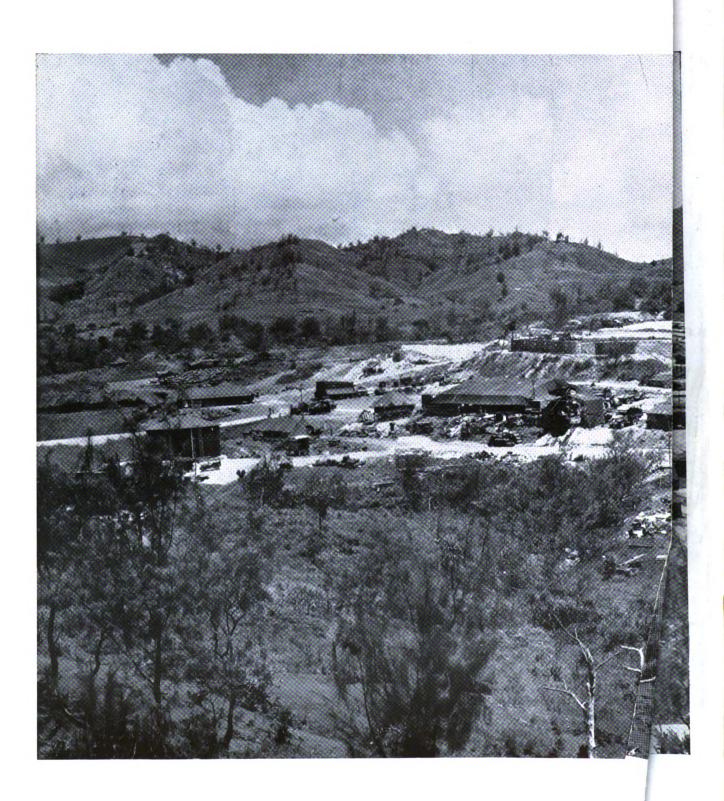








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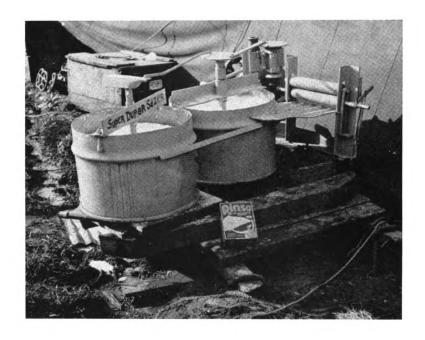




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Highly publicized, for purposes of recruiting, has been the alleged "ingenuity" of the Seabees all over the Pacific. Never at a loss, these mechanical wizards can improvise anything from a cocktail shaker using only a couple of hair-pins, to a girdle complete with a three-way stretch using an old inner tube. From the hundred and fifty or so battalions have been written a hundred and fifty thousand stories of "clever, ingenious" homemade washing machines, so that now, every time the people back home think of a Seabee, they immediately connect him with a washing machine. To them, the Seabees must crawl from fox-hole to fox-hole in freshlywashed and ironed greens, dragging their bulldozers behind them. In spite of all these stories and impressions, there's bound to be a few "ingenious" Seabees—the

law of averages guarantees this. We had several of them, so we know.

If you are as ignorant as we are, the above picture won't mean much to you. So we will explain it to you. It seems that the blacksmith shop was in dire need of a forge, which they couldn't obtain readily. What to do? We can always fall back on our "ingenuity," they said. While roaming the jungles one fine day, several of them chanced upon a ceremonial bell rusting away in the undergrowth. Just the thing, they said. The above picture shows how they rigged up the bell with a fifty-five gallon oil drum and a blower to form a home-made forge. Several days later a couple of lootenants, while strolling by, stopped in and observed this clever piece of work. "Very ingenious," they said, "maybe we'll get our pitchoor in the paper."



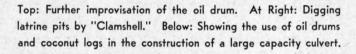
Part of the fame of the Seabees is due to their ability to do the jobs they are given, with the materials at hand. Water lines are high priority jobs when camp or defense installations are constructed and in many cases on Guam, the lines had to cross deep gullies. There was no steel for cradles or supports and no concrete for piers handy, and the line had to go through without delay. Right in the gully where these men were working, a lot of small palm trees were growing. These were chopped down and in a few hours a suspension bridge was ready for the pipe line support. When a battalion leaves the States for some Pacific island, they are told, in effect, by headquarters, "We give you the job and the tools—the rest is up to you." Our construction veterans ably supplied the "know how."

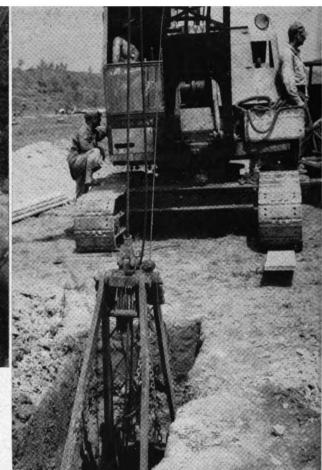
Of all the materials sent to the Pacific theatre of war, the oil drum was used for more purposes, for which it was not originally intended, than any other single item. In fact, it would be hard to conceive of the war in the Pacific making any progress at all without the oil drum. In the early days of an offensive the only way to provide fuel for the war machine was by drum. The drums could be quickly transported from ship to shore by lighter or landing craft, and dispersed in small dumps close to the areas in which they were to be used. On some invasions, the drums of fuel were jettisoned and allowed to come in with the tide, saving many man-hours of labor. As the drums were emptied, they were taken to a central storage lot, where the piles soon grew to mountainous proportions. Then, when permanent camps were being set up, the construction units hauled the empty drums away by the truck load and converted them to every imaginable use. In this picture, the ends of the drums were cut out, and the drums were spot welded together to provide a drain from Base 18 Hospital. The drums were also used extensively for culverts, cut in two for lighting reflectors, wash basins, tables, theatre seats, washing machines, ice-cream freezers, coffee urns and many other uses.



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At one of our work camps we found a small spring for a water supply, but the stream from it wasn't large enough to submerge a suction pipe. Here is where "ingenuity" came into play again. Several large bamboo shoots were chopped down, the section partitions were cut out, and they were used as conduits from the spring to a settling drum. Stories that have been told of pipelines being made out of bamboo are slightly exaggerated, but as the picture shows, bamboo can be used as a conduit for short distances. Below: The orthopedic department at the Base 18 Hospital lacked an orthopedic table for their operating room, and the closest one was six thousand miles away. They gave our pipe shop the specifications, and several days later we took a picture of the finished product, with the pipe shop crew. Several months later, while taking pictures of Iwo Jima casualties in the hospital, we saw the apparatus in use and shot it for the records.







The contents of this yearbook are concerned in the main with the second trip of the Fourth Battalion out of the United States. Due to circumstances, this book will attempt to cover only two phases of that trip—the time we spent in Hawaii and the time we spent on Guam. As the Guam phase neared completion, the Battalion had been out almost eighteen months and was eligible for rotation. However, the war in Europe had just come to an end; efforts toward a swift conclusion of the war with Japan were being doubled and no one in the Pacific area was being sent home. At this writing, we were fairly sure that the Fourth was headed further west. In order to insure that this book would be printed before the Battalion broke up, we are drawing a red line after the Guam phase and are going to press.

For the records, however, and to explain how the term "Short-runner" began, a brief story of that first trip out follows:

Out of that original Fourth Battalion, but 500 or so enlisted men and one officer, Lt. Snowden, remain with us. These are the 500 who cut the other 600 short with "—now, when we were up at the Harbor," or "ahbah" in the vernacular of the Bostonese. Dutch Harbor, in the Aleutians, was the destination and the 5th of July, 1942, was the date of arrival of the old Fourth on their first trip out. Due to the fact that the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Battalions were sent out to the South Pacific in companies, the Fourth was the first commissioned battalion to leave the States. Their work was finished eleven months later, and on June 9th, 1943, they headed back for the States, arriving June 15th in Seattle, Washington.

Work in the Aleutians was performed under the worst possible conditions. Handicapped by snow, sleet, driving rain, and mud, to mention a few of the draw-backs, there were many days in which no work at all could be done. Shortly after arrival, the Battalion was split up and each company sent to different islands in the Aleutians. At that time, Japs still held and occupied several of the islands in the western Aleutians. Amchitka, which was where Company "B" was sent, was bombed 13 times while they were there.

Included in the many jobs they performed was the building of roads, military installations, living quarters and docks. We even had men doing stevedore work. Several of our boys received letters of praise from high military officials for their ability as divers in the repair of a cruiser. In the Aleutians the Fourth established a



reputation as one of the hardest working and most efficient Seabee battalions.

Once back in the States, the Fourth began to lose men for one reason or another, and these men were replaced by new men—men who had never been out before. The original men of the Fourth who remained were proud of the fact that they had been part of a battalion that was first to leave the States. The new men took a lot of ribbing from the veterans. No matter which way they turned, they heard stories about the work done "up at the Harbor." No one seems to know exactly whence it came, but one day the term "short-runner," as applied to the new men, was born. Since that day, the name has stuck, and any man who joined the Fourth after the 5th of July, 1942, has been called a "Short-runner."

The alleged art work in this book was done by a "Short-runner," who titled his main character by that name, and if the cartoons in the following pages stir your memories in the years to come, and give you cause for a slight chuckle, he will feel that his labors herein have been more than repaid.

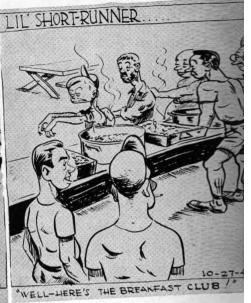
"LIL' SHORT-RUNNER" WAS BORN AFTER THIS:



"IT'S YOU "SHORT-RUNNERS" WE HAVE TROUBLE WITH. NOW, WHEN WE WUZ AT TH' HARBOR "























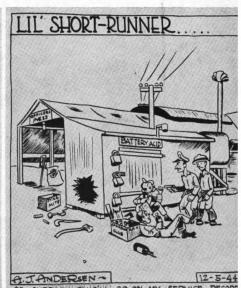












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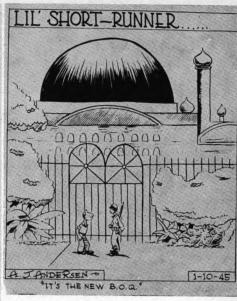


















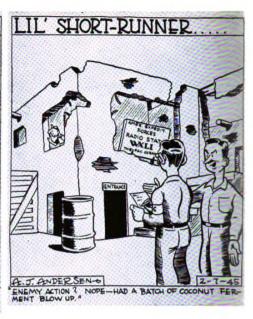






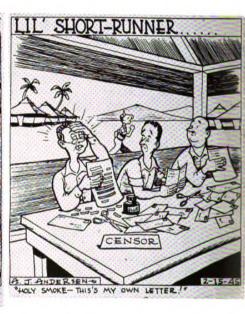


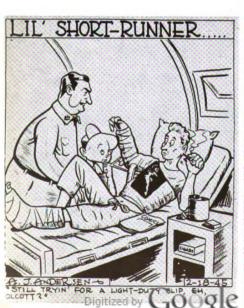




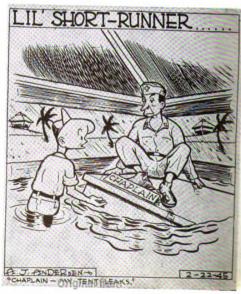










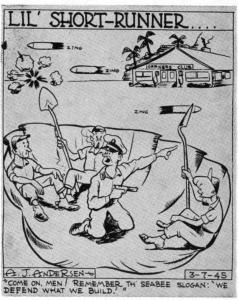


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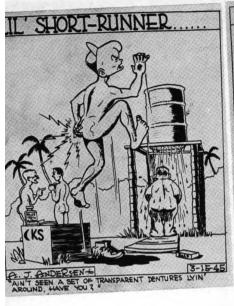












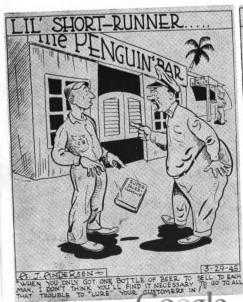
















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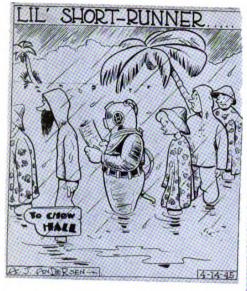




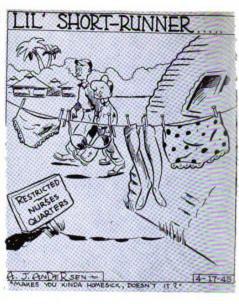


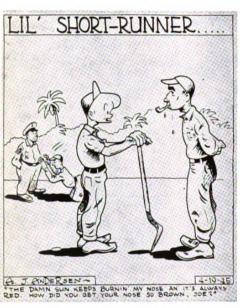




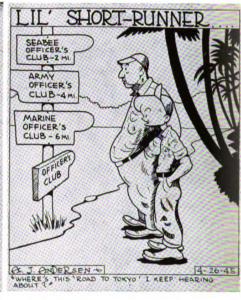




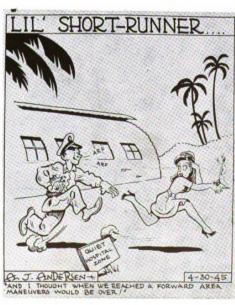






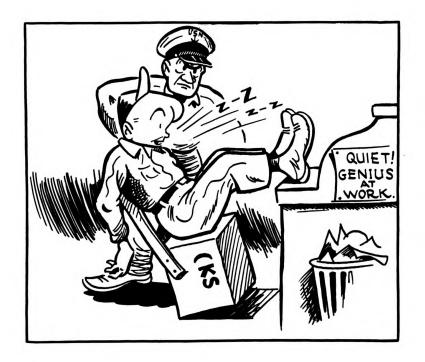








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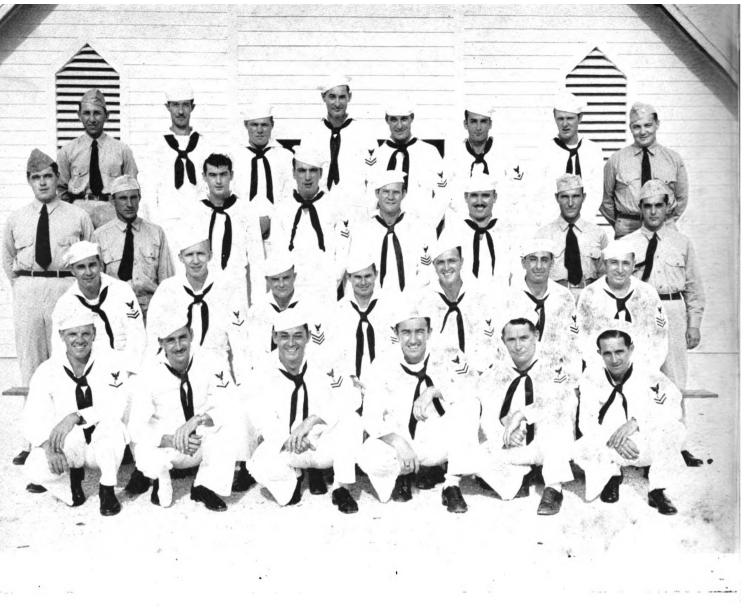
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Third Row: J. C. Vandermade, F. Schneeberger, P. L. Page, R. D. Rhodes, W. P. Boyd, R. L. Hinton.





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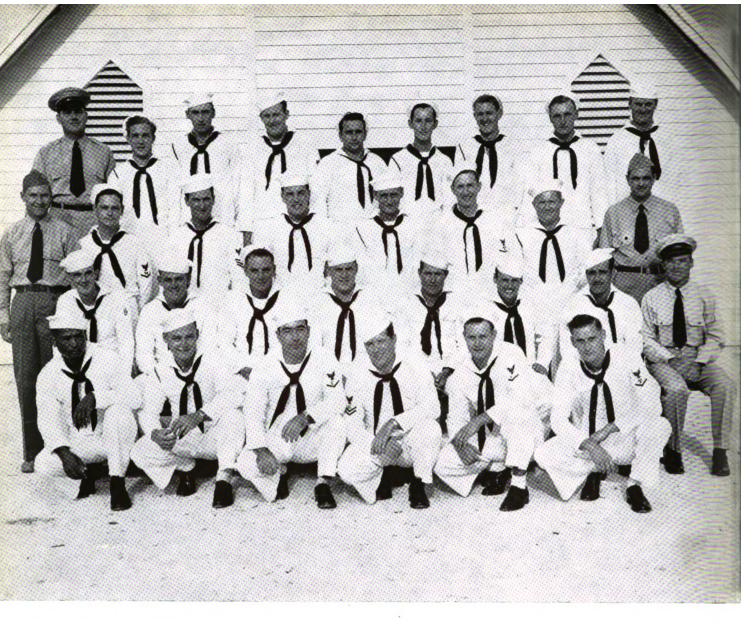
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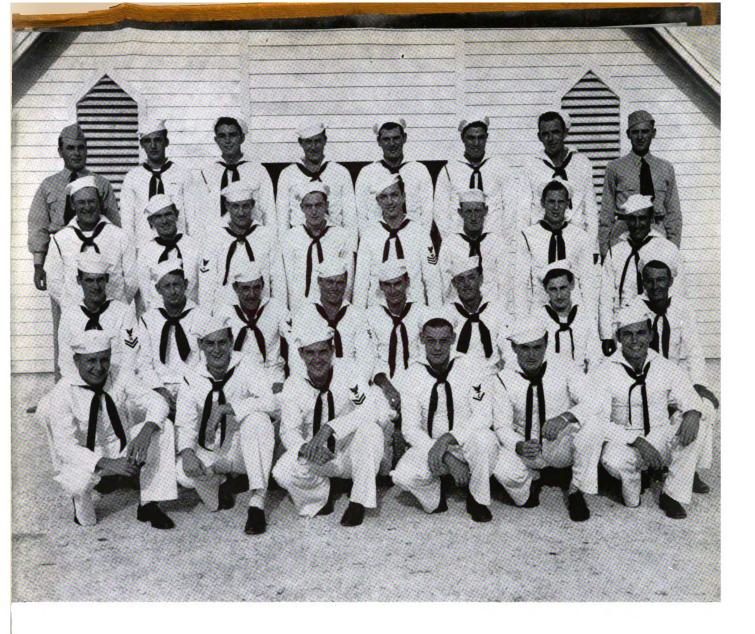
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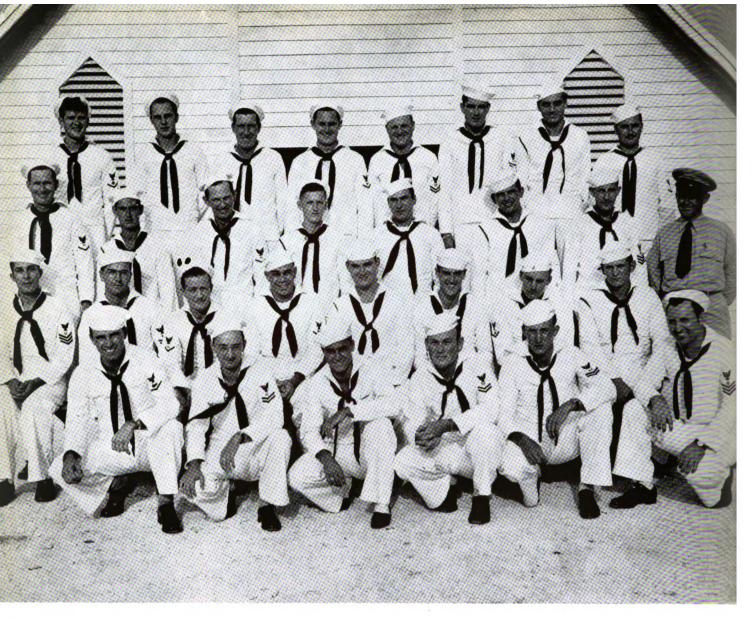
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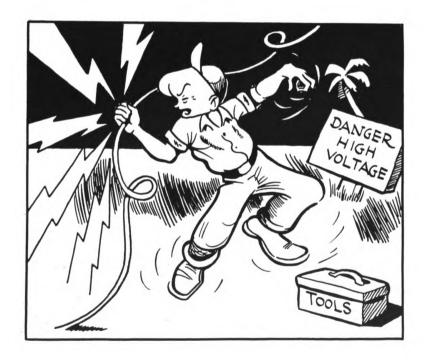


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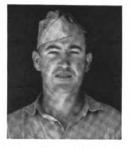


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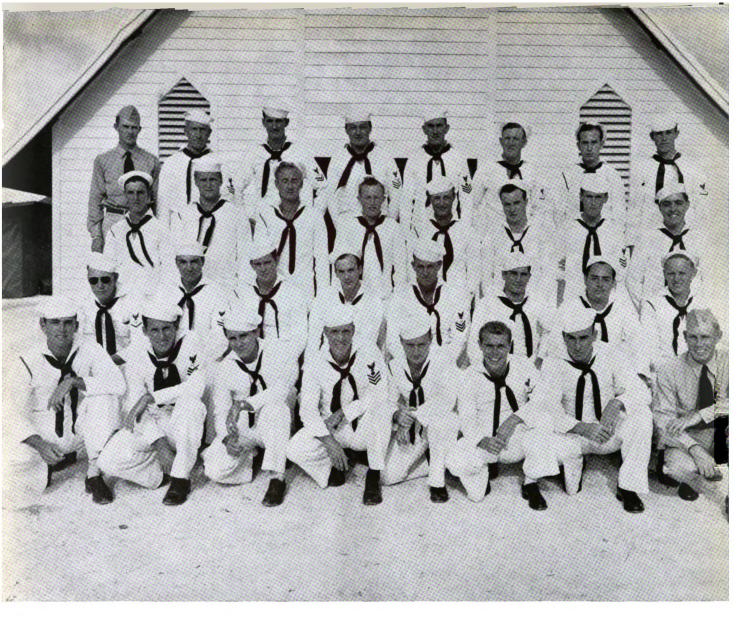


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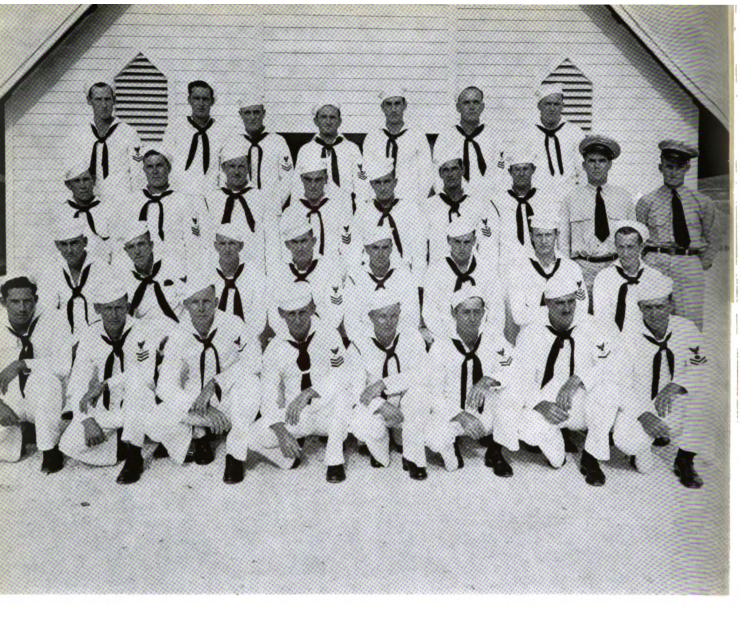
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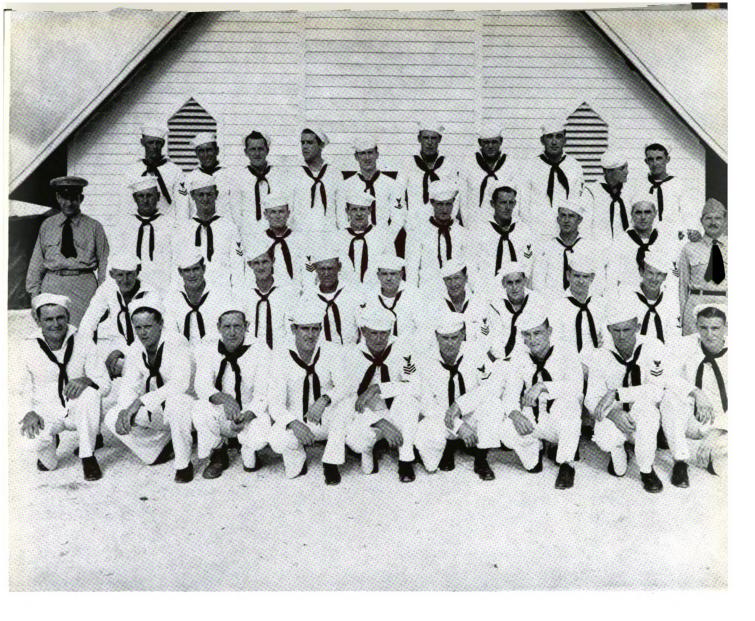
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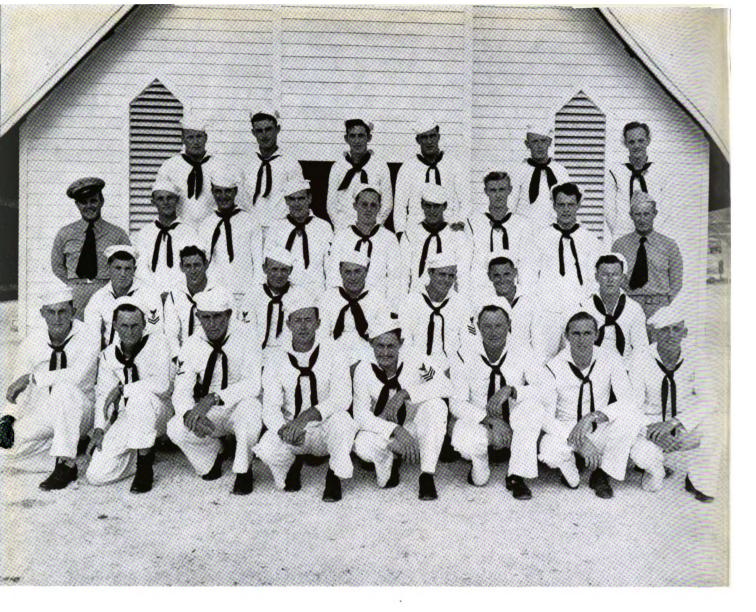
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PLATOON SIX

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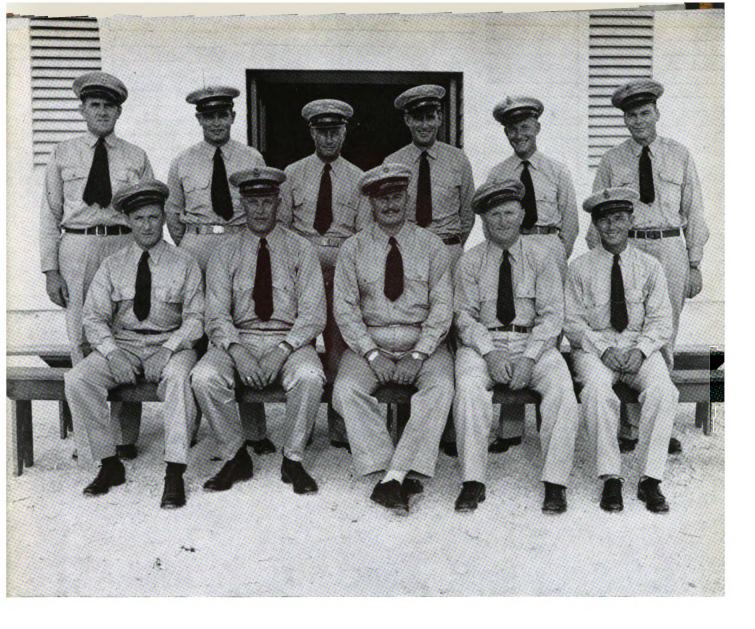
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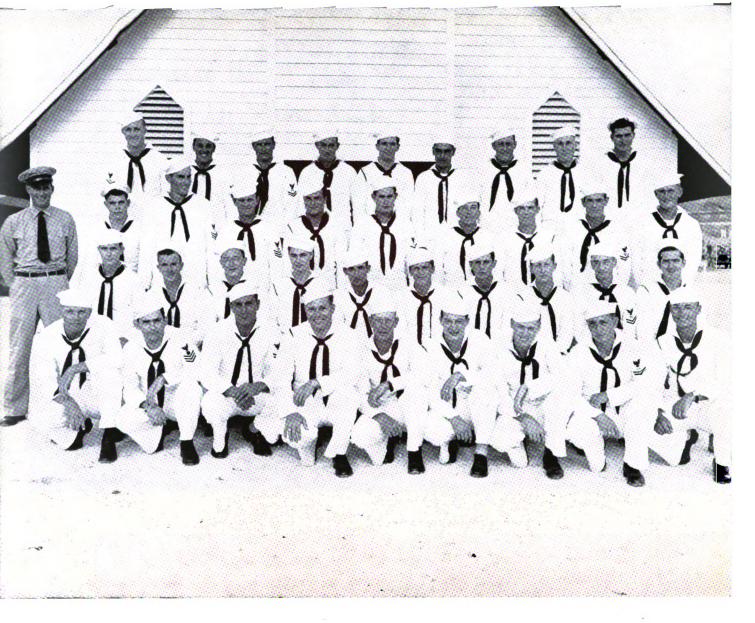
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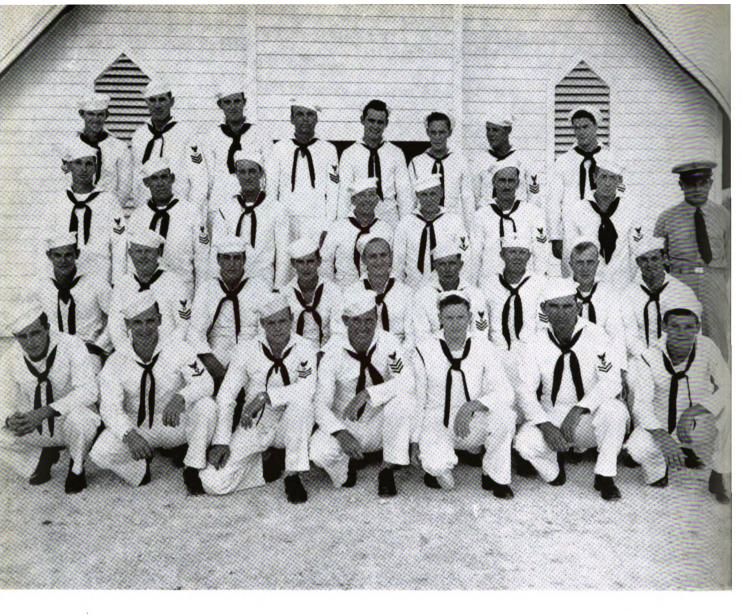
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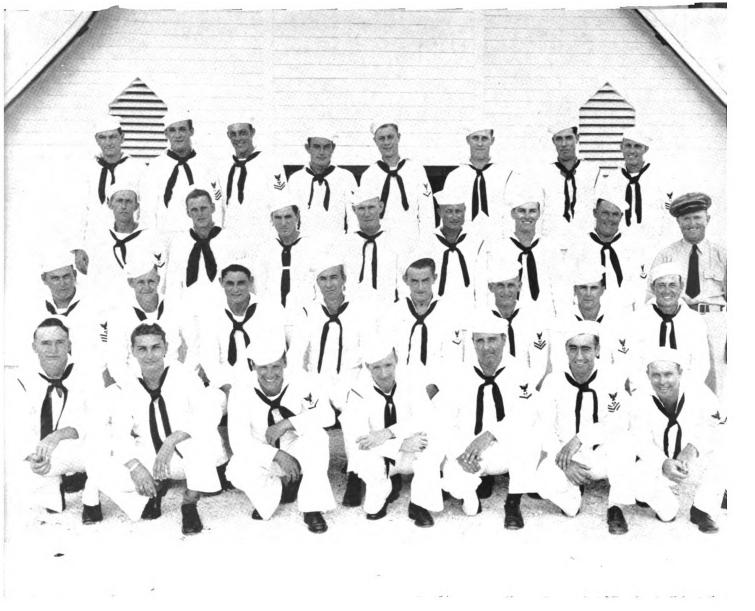
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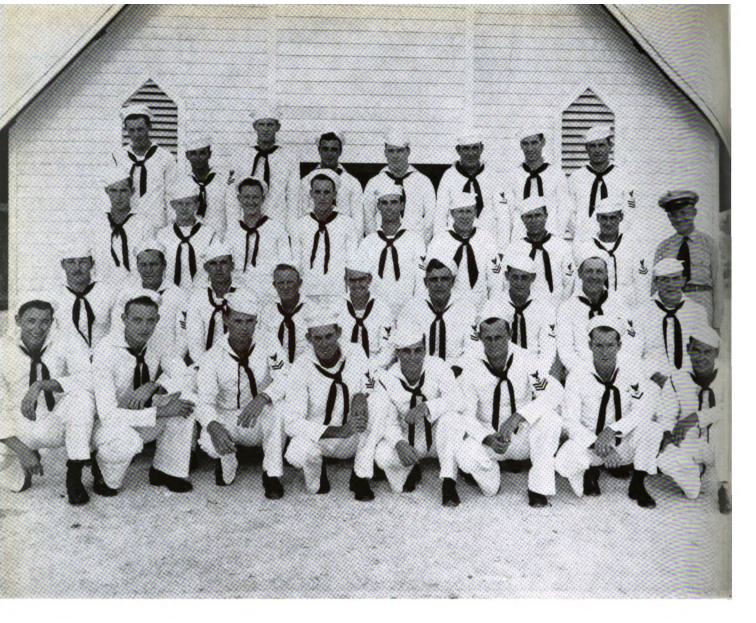
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Top Row: J. R. Cole, A. E. Kaplan, W. T. Bradley, O. O. Borton, J. R. Gray, L. E. Phillips, C. H. Pits, M. A. Volosky.





PLATOON SIX

Bottom Row, Left to Right: J. E. Sullivan, R. E. Lee, J. H. Joustra, D. J. O'Donnell, G. V. Phillpot, W. H. Gammage, D. E. Kinsman, H. A. Rosenthal.

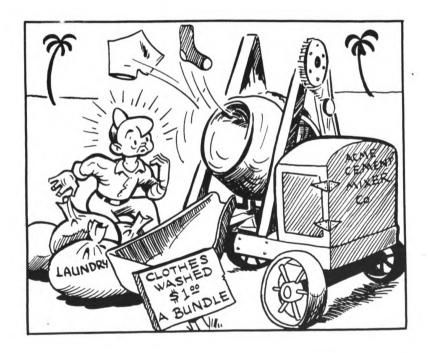
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Third Row: H. C. VanTilberg, W. Cupp, A. H. Pitzen, C. H. Kropp, D. D. Kiser, H. I. Hamlin, R. D. Gammon, J. J. Lane, J. C. Koyle, C. R. Walker, R. J. Sears.

Top Row: L. B. Kallhoff, H. N. Lambro, W. G. Keith, G. T. Richter, R. E. Crockett, D. L. Hamill, C. S. Oberlitner, V. G. Stinger, C. F. Doonan, G. H. Vermillion.



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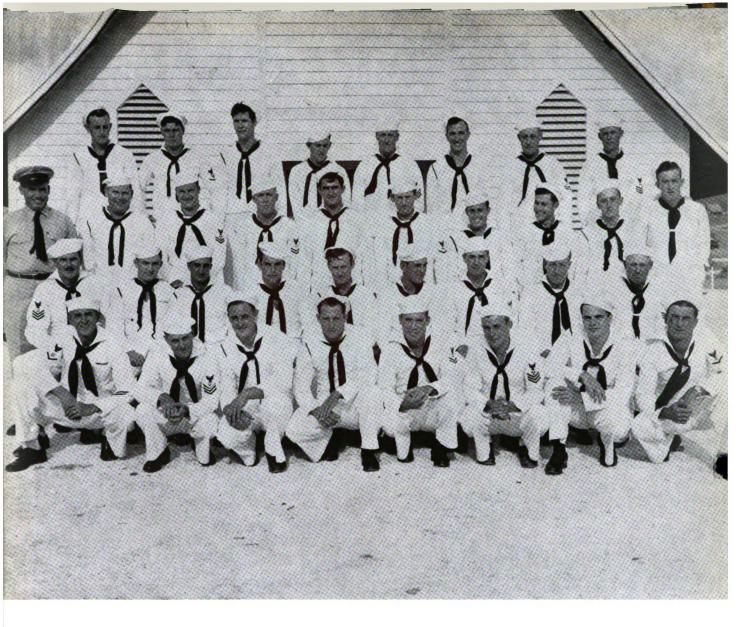
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Top Row: R. L. Pittman, R. W. Wallburg, T. K. Anderson, M. C. Smith, G. Schmit, E. Greene, W. G. Quick.



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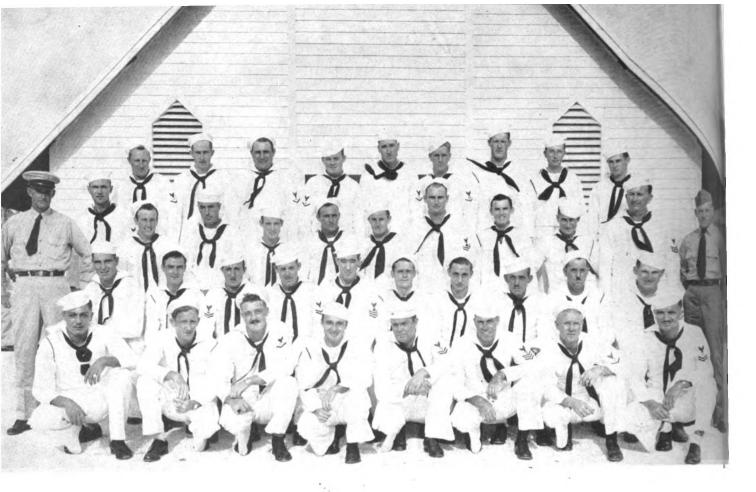
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Third Row: A. Daniel, R. E. Daugherty, B. L. Engle, J. D. Hatten, J. Bogema, A. B. Burroughs, H. S. Bell, R. B. Bragg, G. T. Barber, E. G. Lewis.

Top Row: R. Clough, C. L. Mills, E. A. Denzel, B. W. Allmon, C. J. Williams, J. P. Bartok, C. J. Christenson, T. J. Porter.





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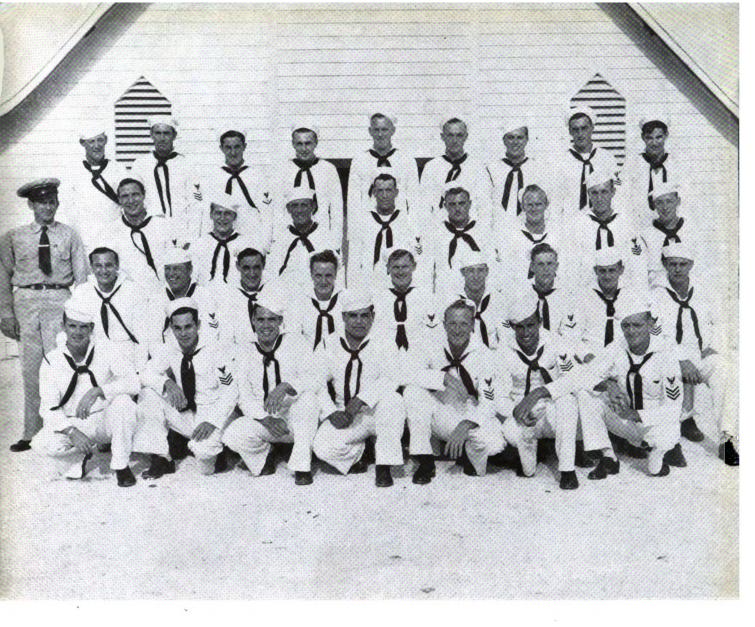
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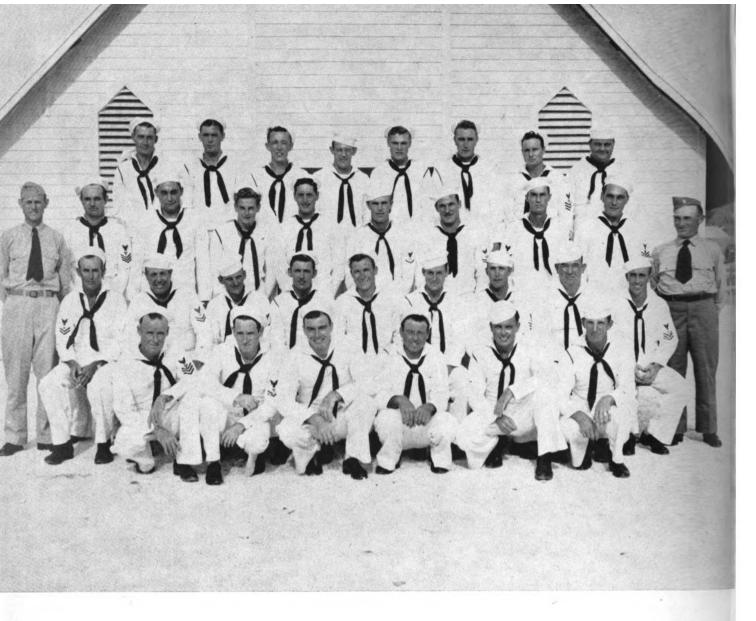
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Third Row: O. E. Galloway, K. W. McSparrin, R. C. Liupakka, A. McFarlane, C. L. McGhee, W. McCartney, A. V. Asleson, H. F. Kelsey, R. L. Rudolph.

Top Row: R. I. Jetmund, W. A. Poole, C. S. Arthur, A. O. Richter, C. A. Mc-Dermott, W. J. Lee, E. A. Roberts, H. L. Hahl, C. F. Ogden.





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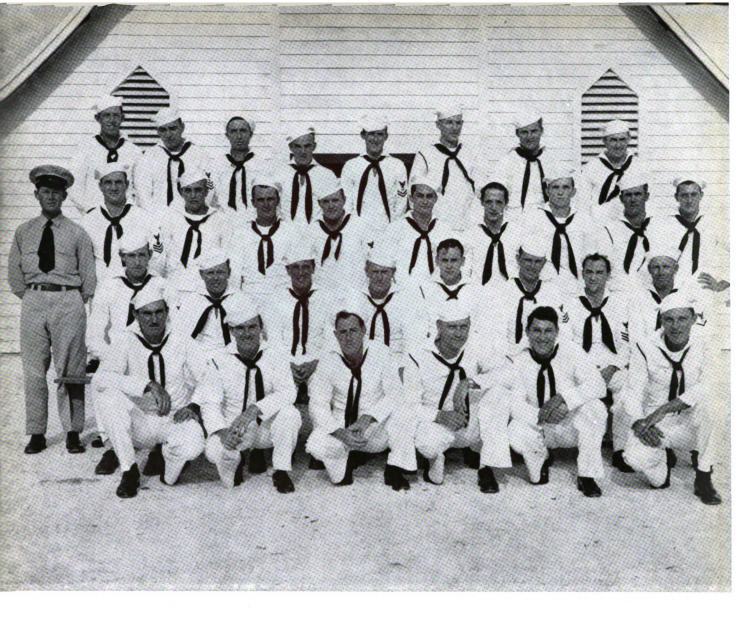
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Third Row: W. A. Stansbury, G. M. Sedwick, H. M. Prater, F. L. Otis, E. S. Olsen, J. F. Spasnick, M. Pavlichek, M. E. Peden, D. Sellers, G. Schmit.

Top Row: A. Pitula, V. D. Barrows, W. A. Porter, W. B. Oehme, F. H. Osgood, J. J. Phelan, R. E. Hart. M. A. Patch.





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Second Row: E. Connor, C. L. Eilmess, F. C. Napolitano, C. L. Ross, E. L. Neal, E. J. Wataha, T. N. Poquette, L. D. Wood.

Third Row: M. S. Moreland, J. D. Zwonechek, W. L. Prayther, M. L. Nein, H. C. Taylor, H. B. Evans, A. C. Van Horne, L. V. Williams, B. E. Richardson, F. L. Rubenking.

Top Row: F. O. Bates, L. Jefferies, E. D. Wright, G. B. Morris, G. J. Dumler, R. H. Ruchhoft, R. R. Buckle, R. B. Goddard.





PLATOON SIX

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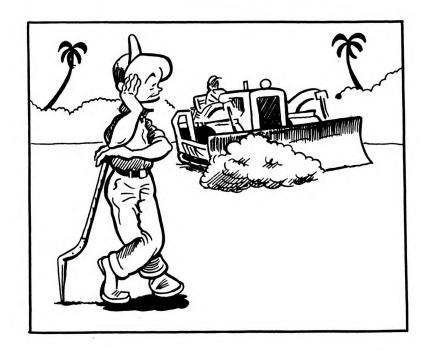
Second Row: D. L. Gilkey, L. A. Bode, R. C. Moorman, S. E. Rabbette, A. Bogden, G. F. Pocic. G. D. Coggeshall, C. W. Wood, M. A. Poole.

Third Row: R. W. Wallburg, R. L. Pittman, G. A. Mattson, J. E. Knauf, D. L. Harmon, A. L. Cammisano, S. T. Lorenc, B. J. Gibson, F. W. McVicker, E. Greene.

Top Row: E. H. Marshall, F. J. Pietrick, H. L. Bluhm, C. W. Roan, D. F. O'Leary, J. H. Burton, J. M. Ellis, G. R. Andress, W. G. Quick.



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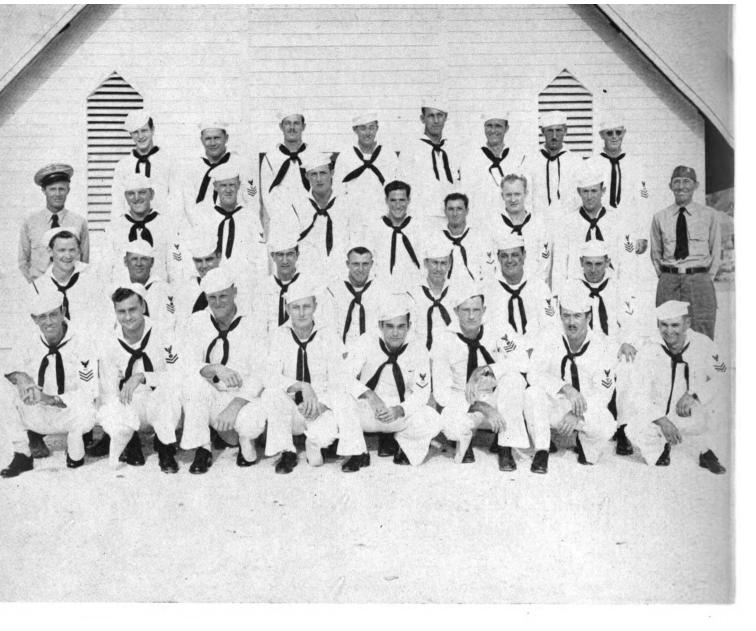
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Top Row: T. M. Flake, W. V. Davis, A. F. Gardner, J. M. Greene, G. M. Sharer.



PLATOON ONE

Bottom Row, Left to Right: J. A. Branch, H. C. Heroth, R. Dalziel, L. L. Shannon, R. C. Bitzer, J. B. Sumrall, M. A. Edgar, J. Mosley.

Second Row: T. W. Urdahl, W. R. Allen, G. E. Kaufmann, S. A. DePaul, T. W. Simmons, L. A. Scanlan, T. A. Austin, O. K. Everett.

Third Row: T. M. Flake, A. Zaloha, W. T. Fitzgerald, L. E. Darwent, R. Sce, D. M. Rovai, H. L. Burruss, A. Bell, J. M. Greene.

Top Row: J. A. Wilson, A. Barbera, A. L. Sila, B. Schofield, B. M. Nelson, C. H. Allen, C. D. Hersey, R. W. Walker.





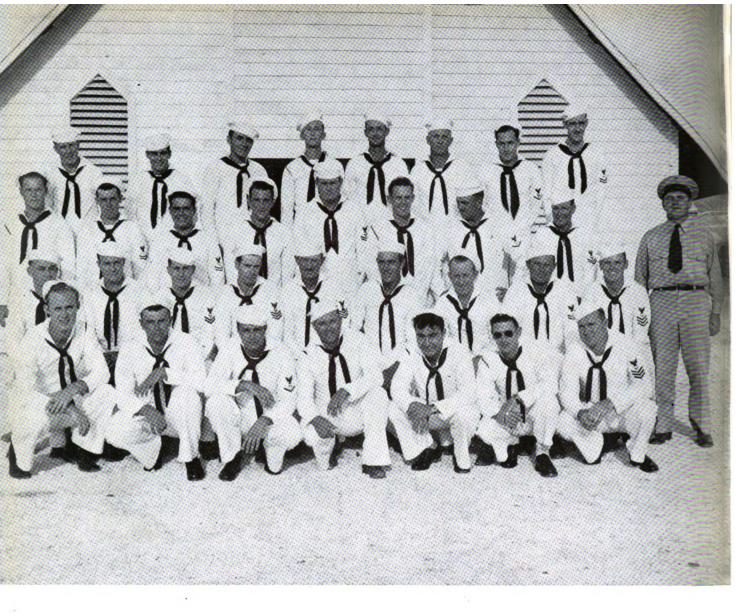
PLATOON TWO

Bottom Row, Left to Right: A. A. Longo, R. F. Anderson, S. F. Sinkavich, H. Peterson, P. S. Johnson, F. L. Young.

Second Row: C. A. Perry, H. Beresnoy, D. M. Carnahan, D. M. Frucci, S. P. Skabicki, R. L. Casterline, C. J. Solari, L. M. Milam.

Third Row: A. E. Ristow, F. F. Smelcer, B. Skinner, A. E. Smith, C. Moore, W. B. Landers, G. J. Dennis, G. M. Sharer.

Top Row: J. E. Bernhagen, M. O. McKay, J. E. Boatrite, C. Vitt, K. S. Taylor, A. Bencomo, R. C. Snyder, G. O. Koeberlein.



PLATOON THREE

Front Row, Left to Right: P. B. Thomas, G .W. Stone, R. G. Newman, H. C. Drittler, J. Tamboer, M. Gordon, M. A. McManama.

Second Row: R. E. Winnepenninky, R. W. Hall, H. E. Clark, K. H. Idle, S. P. Lamborn, J. D. Lewis, H. Iverson, J. H. Long, C. R. Hallquist, R. O. Wadsworth.

Third Row: E. D. Sumner, A. G. Steinert, S. J. Realmuto, J. W. Rodcay, M. C. Milton, G. A. Strand, W. L. Pratt, H. J. Strand.

Top Row: E. P. Nilan, E. J. Ramos, J. D. Ferlise, S. R. Taylor, K. A. Murphy, E. J. Sebasta, V. E. Weltz, M. P. McKinzey.



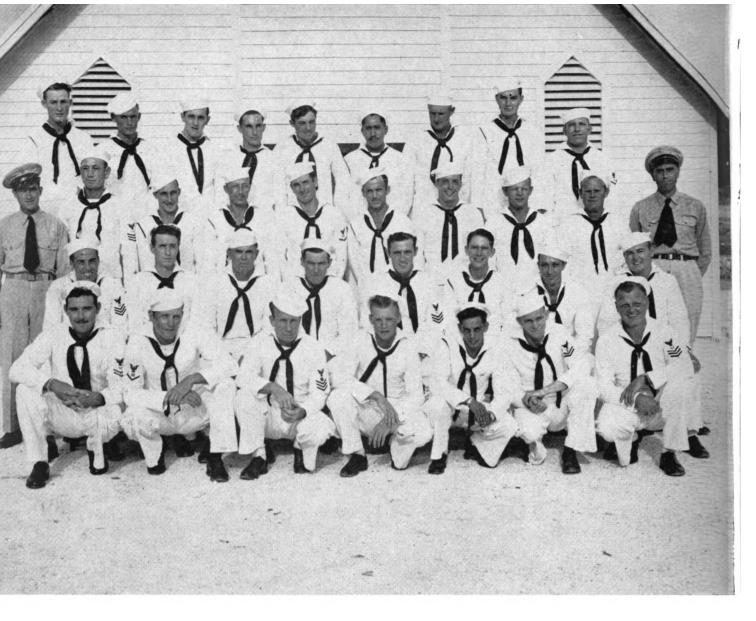
PLATOON FOUR

Bottom Row, Left to Right: J. O. Thornton, J. C. Bren, N. R. Piccirilli, R. A. Sanchez, M. R. Cayer, J. G. Greer, A. J. Johnson, R. H. Rubidoux.

Second Row: L. C. Klose, J. P. Sawczak, B. S. Rolinski, R. L. Holliday, E. F. Morris, C. A. Kiernan, G. Johnson, W. G. Kepley, G. A. Turrill.

Third Row: G. T. Conn, A. Quass, H. E. Rood, N. M. Pearson, H. B. Powers, W. C. Tollett, J. W. Schroeder, T. L. Wargo, J. Remko, W. V. Davis.

Top Row: W. L. Stoll, C. M. Keene, L. E. Watts, D. G. Ray, H. S. Seabright, C. F. Scarbrough, C. N. Prather, C. W. Fain, R. C. Norquist.



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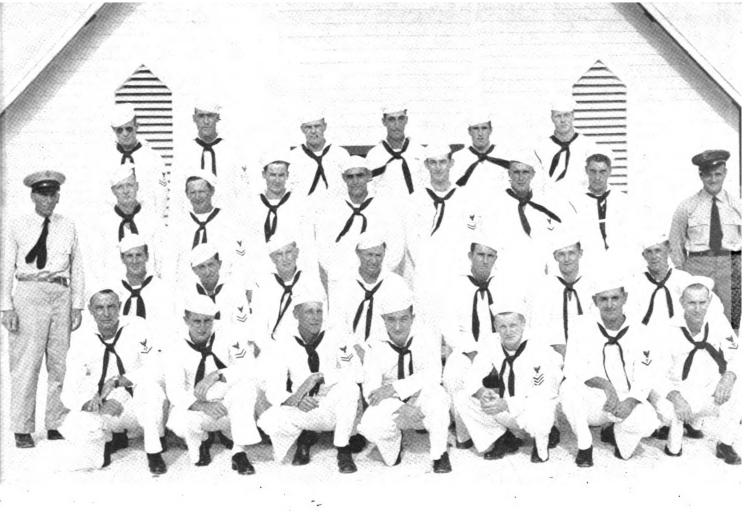
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Top Row: C. L. Windsor, E. C. Wallace, L. P. Weickert, L. E. Wise, D. O. Yeager, M. Zeron, P. R. Miles, S. R. Ziemniak, M. Zenko.





PLATOON SIX

Bottom Row, Left to Right: P. C. Baer, R. N. Pope, F. L. Holmes, G. B. Saulsberry, S. L. English, R. R. Amizich, R. E. Allman.

Second Row: N. A. Tedesco, L. W. Newcomer, E. C. Wentzel, O. O. Young, G. A. Godwin, S. A. Dobies, W. Young.

Third Row: J. D. Blanchard, J. J. O'Rielly, J. B. Hoffman, T. C. Rushing, H. L. Hunton, G. S. Skinner, H. J. Spang, A. F. Dell, A. F. Gardner.

Top Row: K. I. Shelbourn, J. F. Moore, O. K. Gilkey, N. Holton, J. R. Russo, M. O. Torrey.



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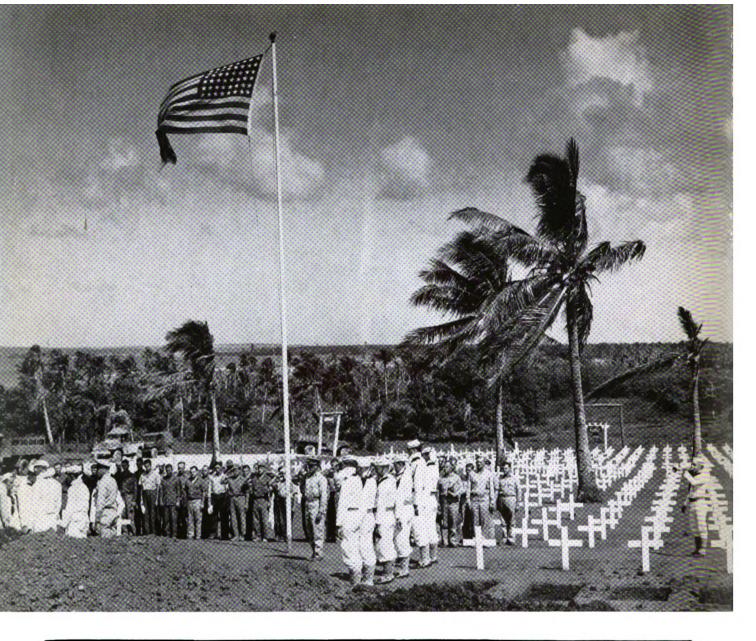
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